

Convict gets new lease  
on life through education

NEWS

'Fantasticks' to open  
Wednesday in Taylor

ARTS TEMPO

Baseball Lions rise to  
third in NCAA Division II

SPORTS SCENE

A CLOSER LOOK



12

# THE CHART

MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE COLLEGE, JOPLIN, MO. 64801-1595

Vol. 51, Issue 22

## Graduation rates remain high here

Athletes' grades  
remain steady  
through program

BY T.R. HANRAHAN  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

NCAA regulations requiring member institutions to disclose the graduation rates of athletes will not change, but enhance academic support programs already in place, according to officials of the College's athletic program.

"I don't believe in study halls for athletes," he said. "A policy for one is a policy for all, and the members involved in the football program would make a study hall available."

Lantz said he checks his athletes' grades every four weeks and sends them to the Learning Center for assistance.

"I would much rather see the student get the one-to-one help he can get from the same programs available to the rest of the student body," Lantz said.

According to Lantz, the key to

academic success is very basic.

"They have to attend class," he said. "Class attendance and grades are closely related. I monitor the players' attendance as well."

Beard said as academic information on athletes becomes public, both coaches and players will adjust. "I think as this progresses, coaches will be expecting more," she said. "By the same token, athletes will be held more accountable."

Lantz holds his athletes accountable for their academic record.

"If I'm paying for someone's education, I have certain expectations," he said. "If he falls below the standards, he could get his plate broken." Lantz said if the athlete does not meet the requirements for his scholarship, he could lose it.

"The term [plate broken] implies that if you take away meal privileges, they usually think about it, but it also represents something much larger. If they fall below the standards, either the NCAA's or mine, they could lose their scholarship—tuition included."

According to Lantz, the NCAA requires athletes to pass 24 credit hours each year, but he demands more. Athletes at Southern are required to pass at least 33 credit hours per semester under his guidelines.

"Under NCAA guidelines, they can pass four hours one semester and 20 the next," he said. "I like to balance

## MAINTAINING ELIGIBILITY



Heidi Osakes, NCAA compliance officer, assists junior secondary education major Doug Martin with summer scheduling choices.

## Frazier: figures are competitive

BY T.R. HANRAHAN  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Although NCAA regulations will not require statistics on graduation rates from Division II athletic programs until 1993, Missouri Southern's record is comparatively good, officials say.

According to Sallie Beard, women's athletic director, when official figures become available under NCAA guidelines, Southern should fare well compared to other schools in the MIAA.

"There may be two schools with a higher rate," Beard said. "Those would probably be Northeast Missouri State University, because they have stricter entrance requirements, and the other would be the University of Missouri-Rolla, which is an engineering school. Other than these, we should look pretty comparable."

In January 1990, Beard collected figures on the academic progress of athletes and traced the graduation pattern of the 1983 freshmen class of athletes over a five-year period. She then presented the figures to the Board of Regents.

According to figures provided to *The Chart*, 19 of 32 athletes, or 59 percent, of the 1983 freshmen class of athletes graduated from Southern. The campus rate for the same period was 34 percent.

Football led all athletic programs in the number of athletes graduated with six of 11, or 55 percent.

Percentage-wise, soccer and soft-

ball tied for the lead with 100 percent of athletes in these sports finishing degrees. Soccer graduated five of five and softball three of three.

Women's basketball graduated two of four athletes (50 percent), and baseball placed next with three of seven athletes (43 percent).

The remaining sports did not graduate any of the 1983 freshmen athletic class. Their numbers are: men's basketball, zero of one; volleyball, zero of one; and golf, which had no freshmen athletes in 1983.

Athletic department officials say they are pleased with the numbers.

"I feel those figures are very competitive," said Jim Frazier, men's athletic director. "One thing I would point out is that we had several young men who transferred from our institution and graduated from another institution, and they were counted against us."

According to Frazier, many incoming freshmen begin with the athletic department but do not finish. This, he says, also skews the results.

"There are a large number of students who go through an athletic department," Frazier said. "Many of these are out to see if they can compete. A high percentage will probably disassociate with athletics their sophomore year. So I think 34 percent is very good and very real."

The potential for improvement

Please turn to  
Coaches, page 10

## Sexuality course in summer schedule

STEPHEN MOORE  
EDITOR

Although a similarly controversial course met with resistance last fall, the psychology department plans to offer a course on human sexuality this summer.

The course has not yet been submitted to the Academic Policies Committee, which is responsible for reviewing all proposed courses. However, the class does appear in the summer schedule.

According to Dr. Robert McDermid, instructor of psychology, the course is being offered as a seminar and, as such, will not be required to go through the Faculty Senate and the Board of Regents.

"Seminars are just offered on a one-time basis," McDermid said. "The idea is just to test the waters to see if there's enough interest."

"I'd eventually like to see this as a regular part of the curriculum."

McDermid has taught similar courses at two other colleges. He said he expects response to be positive.

"My experience is that it has been a popular course that never wants for enrollment," McDermid said.

He said those two colleges were parochial schools, and neither attempted to control the course content.

Last fall, a course in biomedical ethics was proposed by Dr. Barry Brown, assistant professor of philosophy. It met resistance in being approved when some members of the

Academic Policies Committee were concerned that the course would not be taught impartially. It was approved, but has not been offered yet.

Because of McDermid's experience at the parochial schools, he said he does not anticipate any difficulty in getting his course approved.

"I hope not, but it's possible. Any time you start talking about sex, people become concerned."

The course, he said, is important because it will help dispel myths which surround human sexuality.

"The more accurate information people have, the more likely problems are to be avoided," McDermid said. "That alone is worth the course."

He said information about sex largely is obtained from peer groups,

often leading to misinformation.

"If a small percentage can take a course like this, maybe more accurate information will be sent throughout the network," he said.

McDermid said the course will cover such topics as stages of pregnancy, human sexual response, contraception, sexual dysfunction, sexual assault, and gender differences.

A similar course was taught by Dr. Merrell Junkins, professor of psychology, six years ago. It met with resistance in gaining approval.

"There was a bit of controversy over a proposed laboratory assignment," he said. "I offered a number of options, and they had concerns about some of the options."

## Faculty Senate proposes ban

STEVE SAKACH  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

A recommendation of the Faculty Senate to ban smoking from all campus buildings as of March 3 was sent to College President Julio Leon Monday.

The decision was spurred from the Faculty Senate proposal that would ban smoking at Missouri Southern. Designated areas on campus are a growing trend in public buildings, and the difficulties in achieving proper ventilation as advocates for the complete ban.

"It's hard to set up an area for heating and ventilation goes throughout the whole building," said Anna Dolence, vice president

for student services. "Every building on the campus is the same way."

Debate turned from going beyond the Student Senate proposal at Monday's meeting after Dr. Allen Merriam, professor of communications, quoted statistics from the American Heart Association and the Missouri Department of Health.

"Over 53,000 died each year from the effects of second-hand smoke, according to the American Heart Association, and 8,000 Missourians have died [in one year] from second-hand smoke," he said.

Bruce Kelley, Senate president, added that he "would like to see the campus move to a smoke-free environment, but a provision be set up to help those people who want it."

The proposal passed 20-2. The recommendation, along with the

Student Senate proposal, are being considered by College officials.

Following the smoking issue, the Senate elected new executive officers. Serving for the next term will be Duane Eberhardt, president; Francis Bartholot, vice president; Bill Kumbier, secretary; Virginia Laas, parliamentarian; and Anita Singleton, member-at-large.

In other Senate business, the problem of students seeking registration advisement during the final examination period was discussed. Some instructors have expressed concern about getting bogged down with student advisement during this period.

A proposal by the faculty welfare committee to halt registration during the final two weeks of the spring and fall semester was shot down unanimously by the Senate.

## House measure may net \$200,000

CHRISTOPHER CLARK  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

A House package that would help continue construction of the Webster Communication and Social Sciences Building goes to the Senate, and will likely rest in the hands of the Senate.

The capital improvements bill, passed last week, includes \$200,000 for Missouri Southern that would hedge the interest off brought by the College from banks.

College President Julio Leon was pleased with the package, which would insure that work will continue on the facility through the summer.

"We are thankful to the members of the committee for their confidence and their show of support," Leon said. "Everything is moving on a positive note."

Leon said Rep. Al Nilges (R-Bourbon), chairman of the House Budget Committee; Rep. Galen Browning (R-Neosho); and members of the area delegation to the legislature worked hard for the package.

If the bill passes through the Senate, it will rest in the lap of Gov. John Ashcroft, who is expected to approve it.

Leon said the College is seeking loans from several area banks in an attempt to avoid making a larger interest payment on a single loan.

Nearly \$1.4 million has been given to the building by the legislature since 1988. The latest installment demonstrates a commitment by the General Assembly to the project, Leon said.

Ground was broke on the facility in March.

## A GOOD TIME FOR ALL



Troy Baker, sophomore English major, enjoys eating a free lunch with his daughter, Allison, at last week's Spring Fling cookout. Live music, air-ball, movies, and the all-campus picnic culminated the week's activities. Hundreds turned out for the picnic fingle, which was made enjoyable by fair temperatures.







# Education bends bars for student

BY KATY HURN  
STAFF WRITER

Though he is not living the life of a typical Missouri Southern student, James Othick hopes to be soon.

Othick, a freshman business major, is serving a one-year sentence in the Jasper County jail for a felony. Through a school release program he has been able to attend classes at the college since August.

Othick, who began serving time last month, shortly thereafter initiated proceedings for the release. After going through three attorneys and about \$4,000 in court costs, the release was granted. While work release is often granted, no school release program previously existed.

"It's never been done before," said Othick, 22. "Now that this program has been set up, the next person who goes in front of the judge for it will most likely be granted school release."

Othick said much of his determination to take classes was because he believed it was his last chance to turn his life around.

"I feel like if I quit school I won't make it," he said. "I've got a lot of odds against me, but not more than when I started."

Last fall his sister, Tina Schoenfeld, provided him transportation. This semester she was unable to, but Othick received assistance from Edward Rodgers, English instructor, who now takes him to and from Missouri Southern.

"He needed a ride," said Rodgers. "It's worth it for anybody to go to school, and so is whatever you have to do to get them there."

"I did have him in class, and I know he was capable as a student. He's very serious about it; there's no

# LeBahn takes post on permanent basis

LeBahn to serve as coordinator of patron's scholarship program

BY STEVE SAKACH  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

After a national search, the College has hired Lori LeBahn on a permanent basis as the coordinator of College Orientation.

LeBahn had been filling the position on a temporary basis for the last two years. A 1988 Missouri Southern graduate, she assumed the post when Elaine Freeman took a two-year leave of absence to complete a doctorate. Freeman returned to the college last fall in a new position, director of student retention.

"We got over 40 resumes, reviewed

them, and narrowed it down to five finalists," said Doug Carnahan, director of student life. "Lori was overwhelmingly the top candidate."

Southern placed an ad in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, a national publication. It is College policy to conduct a national search whenever hiring for a permanent tenure position. This is done to comply with affirmative action guidelines.

"We develop an applicant pool, and there has to be a sufficient number of minorities and women," said Doug Coen, director of personnel.

As coordinator, LeBahn's duties consist of every aspect of College

Orientation, including training student orientation leaders and heading related programs.

"I like my job, and I like it even more now that there's a future in it," LeBahn said.

In another personnel matter, Kelly Binns, counseling services assistant, has assumed coordination of the patron scholarship program.

Dr. Glenn Dolence, vice president for student services, had been in charge of the patron's program, which awards more than \$150,000 yearly in scholarships.

Binns said Dolence asked her to take over the responsibilities because of her background in financial aid.

## UP BY THE BOOTSTRAPS



James Othick, freshman business major, who is serving a one-year sentence in the Jasper County jail for a felony conviction, has attended Southern since August by way of a school release program.

doubt about that."

Othick said he is grateful to Rodgers for the assistance.

"When he brings me to school he allows me to learn that day," he said. "He's offered to help and gives me a lot of support."

Having the support of friends and faculty at the College has helped the situation tremendously, according to Othick, but he said some people like him are not that fortunate.

"A lot of people are discriminated against when they get out of jail," he said. "I think they should be given a chance and not stereotyped."

Othick has a hearing scheduled before a judge next week to see if he is eligible for early release. If granted, he may be out of jail by early May. He said he would like to go into the Navy, but will continue to pursue his education at Southern if that falls through.

# Criminal justice program plans fall drug seminar

BY KAYLEA HUTSON  
CAMPUS EDITOR

A seminar-style class dependent on student participation is planned by the criminal justice program next fall.

The class, a drug enforcement seminar, is scheduled twice: at 11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

Donald Seneker, assistant dean of the school of technology, will teach the course. He said the class is set up to encourage student participation.

"It's being taught in the seminar style, which means that there are going to be a lot of student presentations and discussions. It will be a less formal class structure," Seneker said. "The topic is on drug enforcement; within that general heading students will do most of the topic selecting."

The drug enforcement class is being offered again this fall because of student requests. The class previously was taught in the 1989 fall semester.

Seneker said the class is comparable to Criminal Investigation II,

where certain types of drugs, their shapes, forms, and impact all are topics of discussion.

"This (the drug enforcement class) turns out to be not so much the specific drug tests," he said. "But some of the other issues surrounding drugs, like legalization, interdiction, and the use of searches with dogs."

Seneker, who doesn't plan lectures in the traditional mode, plans to promote student participation.

"It is particularly student active. I think of myself as a manager of learning experiences," he said. "As such a manager, I don't have to be the one speaking; I just manage to see that it happens. If properly done there will be a tremendous amount learned from the students themselves who get caught up in the topic and who will argue a position pro or con."

Topics discussed by students when the class last was offered included undercover drug enforcement, Jamaican drug gangs, Colombian drug cartels, and U.S. Customs Air Interdiction.

Students will write short papers and give presentations about the topics the class is discussing. However, they are not required to give the presentations themselves.

"A major part of it is student presentations and discussions," he said. "Students do have a lot of contacts, and they could bring in someone who has been through an experience of some sort which they would be willing to share with us."

According to Seneker, one speaker from the U.S. Customs Air Interdiction was recruited by a student to speak before the class.

"The last time we did it, I invited in a fellow—we couldn't give his name—who was a former drug dealer who now works aiding the police in making drug cases and buys," he said. "He told what it was like to be a dealer and a heavy user of crack, and what his life had been like."

Another speaker recruited by a student brought in police dogs to provide a visual demonstration.

# Senate settles on book fee issue

## Tiede clears up prior misconceptions

BY ANGIE STEVENSON  
MANAGING EDITOR

A storm that was brewing at last week's Student Senate meeting as a result of the doubled book security payment subsided last night after a recommendation by the judiciary committee.

The four-person committee met with Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, in response to student concerns brought forth by senators. Tiede took the opportunity to clear up any misconceptions that existed on the issue.

"Part of the problem is that people are calling it a deposit, when a better term for it would be an advanced fee payment," Tiede said. "I want to stress that there is no increase in the book fee; we are simply asking people to pay \$50 to pick up their books rather than \$25."

The primary reason for the change, Tiede said, is the substantial amount of money lost each semester due to unreturned books. Charles Moss, bookstore manager, told Tiede that \$13,500 was lost last semester alone.

"We didn't want to increase the fees to compensate for this because everyone's pretty sick of fee increases," Tiede said. "I realize that this, too, might be a hardship."

As the primary offenders not returning books are first-time freshmen who drop out after the first two weeks of classes, the administration hopes the increased down payment will serve as a deterrent.

"They probably don't return them (books) because it's too much of a hassle for \$25, not because they're trying to sell them," said Steve Hann, Senate parliamentarian.

Satisfied with Tiede's explanation of the issue, the committee concerned

itself with the new system in relation to financial aid recipients who were required to pay \$25 in the past which was later reimbursed.

Tiede said they are working on a waiver for students on financial aid, meaning the security deposit would be deducted from confirmed financial aid pending. A similar system, proposed by the Senate earlier in the year, will be used in August to allow confirmed financial aid recipients to obtain purchase books on credit.

Lory St. Clair, treasurer, reported a Senate balance of \$2,009.62. While no funding was allocated, at its next meeting the Senate will consider requests from the College Republicans for \$601 and Sigma Nu for \$450.

Doretta Lovland, junior senator, reported that, according to Dr. Glenn Dolence, vice president for student services, a microwave will be made available in the snack bar for student use as well as the microwave in the cafeteria.

# Campus scene of stolen vehicle apprehension

When two witnesses saw the 1978 Black Chevrolet truck jump a curb near the Taylor Hall and nearly overturn last week, they knew something was up.

The two witnesses, a man and a woman, saw the truck driving speedily around campus, and after it almost overturned they reported it to campus security late Friday night. After catching up with the truck's

passengers, Joplin police said the vehicle had been stolen from Barton County. Jasper County officers arrived on the scene as well to apprehend the alleged offenders, whose names were not released.

When campus security officer Bill Clemons first arrived at the scene, the three passengers—two men and a woman—had fled. One of the men ran toward Fred Hughes Stadium,

while the other two hoofed toward Turkey Creek, just behind the College.

"You could tell where they had been," Clemons said. "They were wet up their knees."

According to Clemons, beer was found in a search of the truck, and he said the driver and passengers were "too drunk to be driving."

No Money Down  
No Payments for 90 Days

## The big wheels on campus.



Get behind the wheel of a Nissan 4x4. It's mean, powerful and it has some of the largest factory-available tires of any leading compact truck.

And speaking of size, this truck comes with a 3.0-liter, overhead cam, fuel-injected V6 engine. It also has one of the largest cargo volumes of any leading compact truck.

**Come in and ask about Student Financing Program**



Built for the Human Race®



Mercedes-Benz

TRI-STATE IMPORT CARS, INC.  
2322 RANGE LINE, JOPLIN, MISSOURI  
PHONE 417-781-1177

Good APR/MSRP. Financing subject to credit approval. Previous comparable credit not required, where credit may disqualify. Offer not valid in New Jersey. Verifiable insurance coverage required. Smart people always read the fine print. And they always wear their seat belts.

## Advertise in "The Chart"



Mexican Restaurant & Lounge

APRIL IS OUR MARGARITA MONTH  
Students get \$1 off any of our dinners  
1 thru 7 & Fajitas with presentation  
of college I.D.

• Fajitas • Enchiladas • Tortillas - Mexican  
• Chimichangas • Beans - Tacos • Rice - Tamales  
• Steaks - Chicken - Chops

Monday-Thursday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday 11 a.m. to 12 a.m.  
Sundays 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

781-3610

2324 Range Line Joplin, Missouri

C A R S	<b>GOVERNMENT SEIZED</b>	C A R S
	Vehicles from \$100,	
	Fords.	
	Mercedes.	
	Corvettes.	
C A R S	Chevys.	C A R S
	Surplus.	
	Call	
	1-900-468-2437	
	24 Hour Hotline	
C A R S	\$2.95 per min.	C A R S
	<b>CARS . . . CARS . . .</b>	

☐ Long/From Page 1

lem getting zoning."

If Long is unable to secure zoning for the motorplex elsewhere in the state, he will bring it back to this area, he said.

Long said "a significantly downsized" version of the original plan will remain in the Joplin area. Although he said a site for the track, to be sponsored by the National Hod Rod Association, had been chosen "almost four months ago," he refused to reveal it.

The site, its dollar amounts, or groundbreaking plans will not be announced to the public, Long said.

"We won't give you guys (the media) anything else for you to have fun with," he said.

Long said there still was "quite a bit of money" tied up in the Joplin portion of the planned development.

His financiers are not talking, either. His main backer, Francois Belfor, president of Rhema Financial Enterprises, Brooklyn, N.Y., had no comment to *The Chart* when contacted at his office. He referred all questions to Carl Taylor, a real estate agent for Pro-100 Realtors in Joplin and an associate of Long.

Taylor said development of the project was slow and that money problems were hindering progress. Money problems or not, Long maintains that the complex will be built.

"Things are moving right along," Long said.

## Attention Students

The Crossroads staff is looking for students to fill year-book staff positions such as Editor, Production Editor, Promotions Director, Office Manager, Photographers, Staff Writers, and Mac users. Inquiries invited; applications are available from Jean Campbell at the Communications office in the MSTV building.

J O B S	<b>GOVERNMENT JOBS</b>	J O B S
	\$16,040 -	
	\$59,230/yr.	
	Call	
	1-900-468-2437	
J O B S	24 Hour Hotline	J O B S
	\$2.95 per min.	
	<b>JOBS . . . JOBS . . .</b>	



## OUR EDITORIALS

Editorials on this page express opinions of The Chart staff. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

### Not feasible

Missouri Southern should not ban smoking. A smoking ban would be a preferable, but unworkable solution. Everything about smoking is dangerous, but for all the good intentions of those who swamp us with the facts about nicotine and second-hand smoke, no good can come from banning smoking.

Sure, the College could follow a health trend, but that trend has never been specific enough for Southern. Designated smoking areas? Good idea, but impractical. They are often found in the traffic of those who don't smoke. Ban faculty and students from smoking, and you promote the same kinds of secluded "smoking holes" that serve only those desperate enough to smoke. Not to mention the uproarious voices that will surely erupt if smoking is banned. The emotions of health and safety cannot overturn the larger argument of feasibility. If someone violates the smoking ban, how do you discipline? A nice idea, but unworkable.

The issue of banning smoking on campus is not one of personal freedom or even personal safety. It has now entered the arena of practicality, and it's failing miserably. It's time to stop the squabbling. The arguments have flown back and forth and done much for advancement of institutional in-fighting.

Of course, it would be a joyous day if merely asking the smokers to be more considerate with their puffs would do the trick, and maybe it would. Let's hope so.

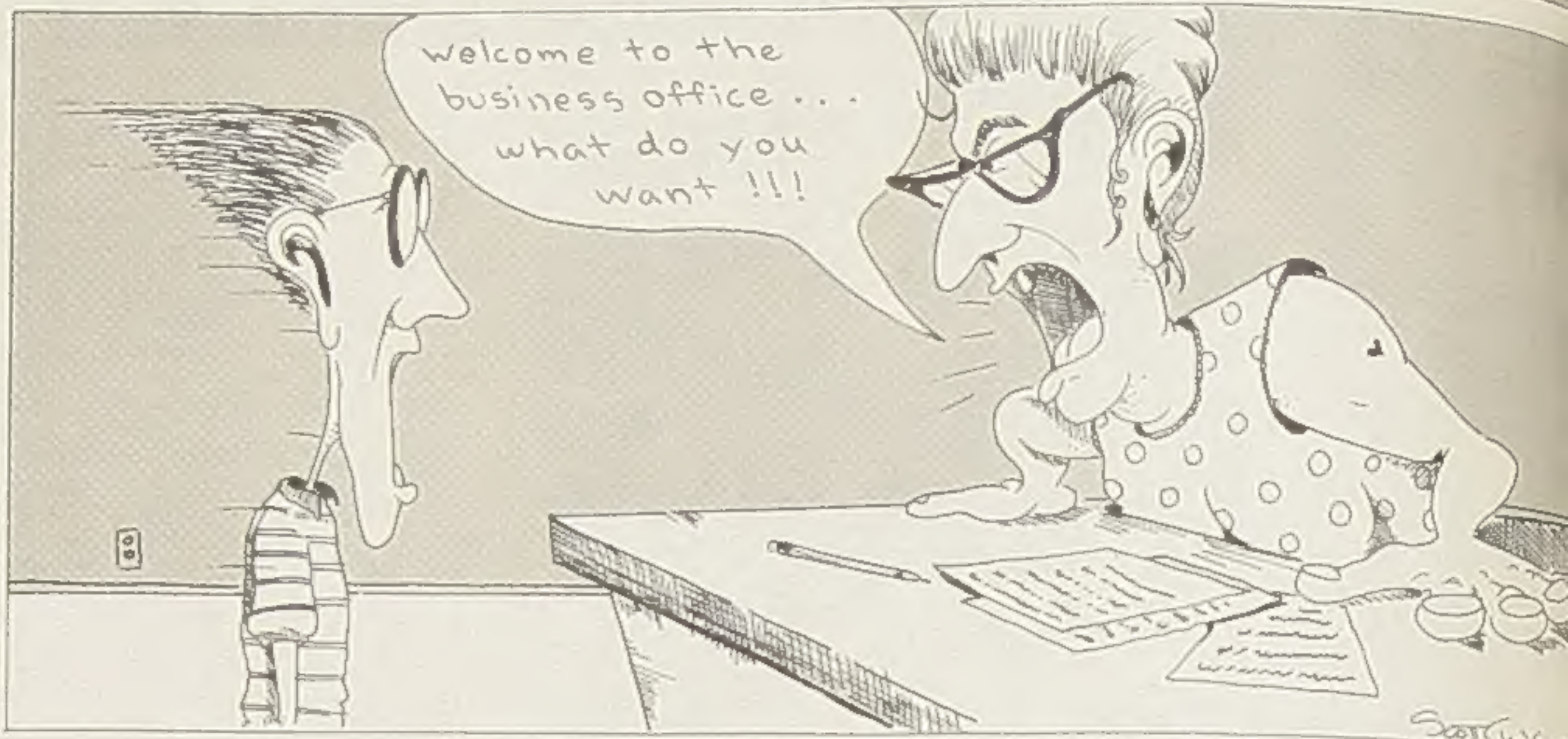
### Sex class: yes

Missouri Southern has a golden opportunity resting in its lap. The proposition of a course dealing with human sexuality is indeed interesting, and it could put this institution's tolerance level to the test. It is a desperately needed class. The topic of sex and its sub-plots—AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, and pregnancy, to name just a few—can be explored in depth and in a manner that could bring the subject from the gutter, where it usually lies attracting ignorance.

Dr. Robert McDermid, who proposed the course, has precedence on his side. Teaching the class twice before at parochial colleges, he was given total academic freedom. It would behoove Southern to allow the course to be taught here. Obviously, McDermid has the experience to properly teach it. Other schools have put their trust in him. So should we.

Human sexuality is a course long overdue here. Institutions of higher education cry out for such courses, as more and more people are having sex these days despite the warnings of health groups, some of which would rather subscribe to abstinence than a working knowledge of sex and its dangers.

By not offering the subject in our curriculum—even our core curriculum, we run the greater risk of ignoring sex. Anybody with hormones knows that's impossible. Denying the class would hurt.



## 'Bad apples' sour business office service

BY ANGIE STEVENSON  
MANAGING EDITOR

I never thought I'd see the day when I was hesitant to pick up a paycheck. But that day is here, and if I didn't need that money so badly, I might just let that check rot in the business office. Ah yes, the business office—I saw the light bulb go on in your head. We've all been there to pay tuition, parking tickets, pre-enrollment fees, etc., and I've found that I'm not the only one who has been treated with less than common courtesy.

First, there's always some hang-up. Never have I had the pleasant experience of walking up to the window in Hearnes Hall, handing a smiling face my student I.D., conducting the business at hand, and going about my merry way. Tell me now if this scenario doesn't sound a bit more familiar: I wait in line for about 10 minutes and after announcing my Social Security number, the inevitable occurs. The computer shows a hold on my record which must be rectified before I can receive my check, pay my pre-enrollment fee, or live my life in peace.

If the holds were always legitimate, it would be no one's fault but my own and I would have no circumstance for complaint. But nine times out of 10, there has been some mistake. More than one time, a library book that I returned on time mysteriously appeared as an overdue book on my record. After losing my



### EDITOR'S COLUMN

place in line and making my way to the library, I found the book safe and sound on the shelf. In this case, as in others, a lack of communication between various departments in their dealings with the business office seems prevalent, and students inevitably pay for it.

For a long time, I thought I was the only one who had problems of this sort. After checking around, I've found others have had similar experiences. Sometimes, they said, the reason for the hold wasn't even clear.

Running around campus to clear the holds is inconvenient, but even worse, and unexcusable in my opinion, is the attitude that some of the employees take toward students. Upon one of my encounters at the dreaded window, I was told I owed a considerable amount of money, but was not told for what. The mix-up had something to do with the fact that my parents had not received an updated residence hall bill. I was told by one employee: "You're in college now, and you need to start taking responsibility for yourself. It shouldn't be your parents' concern." I couldn't believe my ears. The College was paying this person to tell students how their personal lives should be run?

Maybe it was true. I signed the contract; I should have known when things were due with or without a bill, but this offers little help as all bills usually are sent to my home address. Nothing at all had been mailed in this case, and the office would not mail a statement at my request. The employee's explanation: "We don't do that any more." If the business office

is trying to cut down mailing costs by decreasing the number of bills it sends out, what it might be returning is a great deal of confusion.

A few simple changes on the part of the business office might go a long way in curing nightmares for many Southern students. First and foremost, it should be made clear that some of the business office personnel are quite helpful and cordial. It takes one or two rude employees to cause havoc, and it would be nice if those "bad apples," so to speak, would change their attitude and show a little professionalism. I do not appreciate the rolling of the eyes, the "I don't give a damn about you" attitude. Other students have conveyed similar feelings.

Second, could you try and give students the benefit of the doubt? Remember, humans sometimes make errors when entering data into computers, and what appears on the screen isn't always gospel. A simple phone call to the department in question often could clear the student from becoming a human yo-yo.

Finally, let's not keep everyone in the dark. If, for example, fee statements are treated as precious commodities and if you're lucky enough to obtain one, good reading the hieroglyphics. It always seems to me some charge with an abbreviation I can't decipher. The new practice of giving students an explanation statement with their schedules is a step in the right direction.

As I said, I need the money, so I'll probably be up to the window of doom April 30 to receive my check. I can only keep my fingers crossed in hopes that things will go smoothly. There are always going to be little problems when dealing with 6,000 students, but why must those little problems cause huge headaches?

## Bilingualism boosts global competition

BY MARGARETHA LODIN  
SENIOR COMMUNICATIONS MAJOR

[Editor's note: Lodin, a native of Sweden, is editor of the Crossroads yearbook.]

America is going international and the new buzzwords are global interaction, multinationals, intercultural communication, and foreign language education.

The American system, realizing the need to stay competitive in a world market, is also realizing the importance of having a bilingual population including an understanding of another country's people, its culture, and its climate. Today, American multinationals spend millions trying to regain a competitive edge by educating their managerial staff in foreign languages.

To have an edge, not only as a manager in a foreign country but also as a tourist, it is vital to understand



### IN PERSPECTIVE

the people, their culture, and the language. Without those skills it is impossible to follow the nuances of certain words, to understand the implications behind certain behavior, or to truly fit in.

America does have language education, but it is optional. The education starts maybe in high school, in college, or maybe never. Yet, with an international attitude, the American businesses expect to compete in a market where the rest of the world employs management who have studied English for nine years and are fluent in at least two other languages.

Missouri Southern should be applauded for its work to become an international campus. The attempt to broaden the student perspective by offering a variety of language classes, and the international focus on the importance to understand the cultural aspect of communication, politics, and business, is a step in the right direction.

In my opinion the next step should be to require all college majors to include a foreign language. However, the ideal time to start foreign language

education is in grade school.

It has been proven that children learn a new language faster than adults. It has also been proven that being bilingual at an early age does not impede the native language but rather heightens the child's awareness.

Starting foreign language education in third grade with all students would greatly improve the ability to deal with the shrinking borders both in business and among tourism. Spanish should be considered a first requirement because of the growing Hispanic population and the possibility of a trade-link with South America.

The second language could be open to students in seventh grade, and the third language optional for the student with great interest.

With the world wide open for trade and for many countries to visit, many of the cultural barriers would diminish with the knowledge of a second language. Starting in grade school now, there would be a whole new generation of bilingual college students who could apply their international knowledge to increase America's competitiveness in the global society.



### THE CHART

Five-Star All-American (1982, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990)

Regional Pacemaker Award Winner (1986, 1988, 1989, 1990)

The Chart, the official newspaper of Missouri Southern State College, is published weekly, except during holidays and examinations periods from August through May, by students in communications as a laboratory experience. Views expressed do not necessarily represent the opinion of the administration, the faculty, or the student body.

CHRISTOPHER CLARK *Editor-in-Chief*

Stephen Moore *Executive Editor*  
Angie Stevenson *Managing Editor*  
Steve Sakach *Associate Editor*  
T.R. Hanrahan *Associate Editor*  
Phyllis Perry *Editorial Page Editor*  
Kaylea Hutson *Campus Editor*  
Jan Gardner *Arts Editor*  
Rod Shetler *Sports Editor*  
Chris Cox *Director of Photography*  
Jon Noifalise *Advertising Manager*  
Scott Clark *Cartoonist*  
Jason Cleveland *Circulation Manager*  
Chad D. Stebbins *Adviser*  
Richard W. Massa *Executive Adviser*

*Staff Members:* Paul Hood, Dyana Perkins, Nick Coble, P.J. Graber, L. West, Michelle Harms, John Ford, Katy Horn, Steve Houser, Dusty Cannon, Rachel Alumbaugh



**EARTHWEEK: A DIARY OF THE PLANET**

By Steve Newman

I cherish every memory of the songs of the children, the village *sia* *sia* (festivals), of the Christmas-to-New Years cricket matches on village green, and the forever-giving-expecting-nothing-in-return of the villagers. I will never take paved roads (pot holes and all), running water, electricity, ice cream, a cold drink, or the little brown band of a happy child in mine for granted. I shall always love the Samoa I knew and that many never were nor ever will be privileged to see.



## Activities center around Earth Day

Tree plantings planned during week

BY R.J. GRAHAM  
STAFF WRITER

Trees will take top priority during Earth Day activities next week.

A program by Soroptimist International of Joplin will commence with a tree planting at 4 p.m. Sunday near the campus flagpole. The maple trees to be planted will stand as a memorial to deceased members of the organization.

"These are the very first trees we're planting," said Alice Pantoja, chairperson of the Soroptimist advocacy committee. "We searched for a place to put the trees. The idea of a college kept coming to me."

"It's a nice location, and it's an area they need trees. We found a half-a-dozen places where it needs some."

Pantoja said the Soroptimists knew the College would take care of the trees. But she says it will take a long time to line the drive to the flagpole with the Soroptimists alone planting the trees.

"I suggested that maybe other civic organizations can do what we did and establish their own memorial program," she said. "It's a lasting tribute, and everyone benefits from that tree. There's a lot to be said about trees."

Pantoja said Rotary International of Joplin jumped at the opportunity of joining the program. She believes this will help speed up the process.

"We'll be able to get that row planted quicker and move on to other areas," she said.

Pantoja said Earth Day was chosen for the tree-planting ceremony for a

specific reason.

"That seemed a very significant date," she said. "I'd like to see more people participate in Earth Day."

Sunday also is the date of the Earth Day Fair, sponsored by the Ozark Earth Society, at the J.C. Penney court in the Northpark Mall.

"The Ozark Earth Society was formed to put on Earth Day last year," said Shar Stone, chairperson of the Ozark Earth Society. "Of course we wanted to do Earth Day again this year."

Stone said there will be approximately 30 exhibits at the fair. Some of the exhibits will "duplicate what went over so well" last year.

Among the organizations to be present at the fair include the Missouri Southern Biology Club and Environmental Club.

The groups started planning for an exhibit focusing on recycling three weeks ago. Leigh Ann Anderson, Biology Club president, said the exhibit will "primarily focus on things that people can dispose of locally. We'll have a list of current places [to recycle]."

After the fair, the exhibit will be displayed in the east stairwell of the Billingsly Student Center.

Winding up the activities will be a Campus Activities Board lecture, titled "Rain Forests: Live or Let Die," at 12:45 p.m. on Thursday, April 25 in the second-floor lounge of the BSC.

Lory St. Clair, CAB lecture chairperson, said it will focus on wildlife, plant species being destroyed, and the effects of these on people.

"I hope anybody interested in Earth Day is there," she said.

## SAVING THE OZONE



Al Wood, campus gardener, plants a tree near the sidewalk between the Spiva Library and Hearn Hall.

## Biking for a cause

BY KAYLEA HUTSON  
CAMPUS EDITOR

Biking for a cause, not just for exercise, is the theme of students participating in Bike-a-thon Saturday.

The event, scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the main parking lot, is being organized by the Campus Activities Board to benefit St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Andy Love, co-chairman of the Bike-a-thon, said fund-raising for the one planned Saturday will place throughout the United States this week.

"St. Jude's is a non-profit organization," he said. "They don't like, if a family can't afford an operation that's desperately needed, will fly the child and the family down [to the hospital] and let them free of room and board while time during the operation help out the child."

Bike-a-thon participants can earn money by arranging to have individuals sponsor them.

"We've got sponsor sheets that they can go out and get people to sponsor them—either per hour or a flat donation," Love said. "You can just go out and have people sign a piece of paper."

Participants need to return sponsor sheets to CAB on the day of the event, in order for an estimate total to be determined that day.

"It's not a race," Love said. "It's just a fun event and something anyone can do."

A walking course will be set up for those who want to participate without riding a bike.

## AERho attends convention

BY PAUL HOOD  
STAFF WRITER

Living in one area can limit a person's experiences, but last week four Missouri Southern students got a chance to broaden their horizons.

Members of the Missouri Southern chapter of Alpha Epsilon Rho, the National Broadcasting Society, traveled to Los Angeles for that group's annual convention.

According to Judy Stiles, adviser to the group, the convention included students from some 70 schools around the nation. The four-day convention featured speeches from people involved in broadcasting, business meetings, career seminars, and an awards banquet.

Awards were given for the best student productions over a range of different events. At the banquet, clips were presented from the top three entries in each event.

"It was a well-staged evening," Stiles said. "They coordinated video and audio presentations like an Academy Awards show."

"The convention was a good opportunity for students to meet other students. At the banquet, they got to see how our program compares to others around the country."

Stiles received honorable mention in the adviser of the year category. She said she was surprised, describing it as "quite an honor."

Each chapter of Alpha Epsilon Rho must compile a yearly report. This year, members of Southern's chapter secretly wrote a nomination for Stiles at the same time they sent off the annual report. They also asked faculty members of the communications department to write letters of recommendation for Stiles.

According to Stiles, the criteria for the award is open-ended. A committee of eight national officers selects the winners. Only two awards are

given—the first-place award is given to the adviser of the year and honorable mention for the runner-up.

According to Stiles, the convention and trip to Los Angeles gave students a number of opportunities. They took a tour of Universal Studios and were able to witness some of the work that goes on behind the scenes in program production.

"The Universal Studios tour was the most informative thing we saw," said Mike Mallory, AERho president.

## Upcoming Events

### CHEERS sets realistic party theme

#### TODAY

Club Banquet: 7 p.m., Connor Ballroom, BSC

#### SATURDAY

#### April 18

Student Senate Primary Elections: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., BSC stairwell

Orientation Mentors: 10 a.m., Rm. 311, BSC

Koinonia: 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Basement of APL B

LDSSA: Noon, Rm. 306, BSC

Art League: Noon, Rm. 305A, Spiva Art Center

Lions Golf: At Missouri Western Invitational

Crossroads: 3 p.m., in communications office

Lady Lions Softball: 3:30 p.m., Washburn

Greek Standards Committee: 3:30 p.m., Rm. 313, BSC

Student Senate Primary Elections: 5 p.m.-7 p.m., in student services office, BSC

BSU: 5:30 p.m., at Baptist Student Union

Kappa Alpha: 6 p.m., Rm. 311, BSC

#### TOMORROW

#### April 19

Student Senate Primary Elections: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., BSC stairwell

Lions Golf: At Missouri Western Invitational

Lady Lions Softball: At Missouri Western Invitational

Lady Lion Tennis: At Missouri Western

Kodak Photographic Seminar: 6 p.m.-10 p.m., in Matthews Hall auditorium

Lions Baseball: 7 p.m. at Southeast Missouri State

Modern Communications

#### April 20

Bike-a-thon: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., in the main parking lot

Lady Lions Softball: At Missouri Western Invitational

Lions Baseball: 1 p.m., Southeast Missouri State

#### SUNDAY

#### April 21

Lambda Beta Phi: 8 p.m.-8 p.m., Rm. 306, BSC

Fellowship of Christian Athletes: 8:30 p.m., Basement of APL B

Cheers Dance: 9 p.m.-midnight, Lions' Den, BSC

#### MONDAY

#### April 22

LDSSA: 8 a.m., Rm. 314, BSC

ECM: Noon, Rm. 311, BSC

All-Greek Competition: 1 p.m.-4:30 p.m., front campus lawn, twister, three-legged races, obstacle course, greased watermelon toss, volleyball, hat races, and an eating contest

Academic Policies: 3 p.m., Rm. 306, BSC

Greek Council: 4 p.m., Rm. 311, BSC

Sigma Nu: 5 p.m., Rm. 313, BSC

#### TUESDAY

#### April 23

Foreign Language Field Day: 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., entire third floor, BSC, and Matthews Hall

BSU: 11 a.m., Rm. 311, BSC

LDSSA: Noon, Rm. 314, BSC

Newman Club: Noon, Rm. 311, BSC

Greek Week Competition: 1 p.m.-4:30 p.m., front campus lawn

Lady Lions Tennis: 2 p.m., vs. Southwest Baptist University, here

Lady Lions Softball: 3 p.m., vs. Northeastern State University, at Kungie Field

G.L.B. Support Group: 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m., Rm. 311, BSC

Koinonia: 7 p.m., College Heights Christian Church

Rodeo Club: 5:30 p.m., Rm. 313, BSC

CAB Mini-Concert and Dance: 9 p.m.-midnight, Lions' Den, BSC

#### WEDNESDAY

#### April 24

LDSSA: 8 a.m., Rm. 314, BSC

Student Senate General Elections: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., BSC stairwell

Job Interviews: Kmart, all day. Contact placement office for more information.

BSU: Noon, Rm. 311, BSC

CAB: 3 p.m., Rm. 310, BSC

MSSC Cycling Club: 2 p.m., Rm. TBA, BSC

Student Senate General Election: 5 p.m.-7 p.m., in student services office, BSC

Student Senate: 5:30 p.m., Rm. 310, BSC

BY MICHELLE HARMS  
STAFF WRITER

A non-alcoholic evening is set from 9 p.m. to midnight Sunday in the Lions' Den.

A party and dance are being sponsored by Creatively Helping to Establish an Educated and Responsible Society (CHEERS) and the Residence Hall Association (RHA).

CHEERS is a non-profit designated driver program started last fall.

"This is a fun way to get together with no alcohol involved, and hopefully this will help with awareness," said Doretta Lovland, student coordinator and member of RHA.

An atmosphere of realism will be created by the decorations and the drinks being served.

"We want to try and create an atmosphere just like most bars," Lovland said.

There will be someone to check for Missouri Southern IDs. Admission is free to Southern students.

There will be tables set up for the students along with a large dance floor.

"We will have a bar set up for people to get drinks, or they can get drinks from waitresses who will be walking around," Lovland said.

All drinks served will be non-alcoholic, including beer, margaritas, and fuzzy navel. The drinks will be provided free of charge.

"The first party we had was a great success, and we hope to have a huge turnout again this time," said Lovland.

Items such as pizzas, gift certificates, and T-shirts will be given out as door prizes throughout the evening.

"Many of our door prizes were donated to us from local businesses," Lovland said.

## Seminar to discuss latest developments

Lecture to inform about missing and exploited children

BY DUSTY CONNER  
STAFF WRITER

Law enforcement officers from the four-state area will attend a seminar on the investigation of missing and exploited children on campus next week.

The eight-hour seminar will begin at 9 a.m. on Thursday, April 25 in Matthews Hall auditorium. Cost is \$10 per person.

Detective Sgt. Craig Hill, president of the Last Child Network, will give instruction to area lawmen on the latest techniques and developments in the field of missing children.

Barbara Spencer, criminal justice secretary, said there already have been many confirmations and a "heavy" turnout is expected.

Hill is a 20-year police veteran

and supervisor of the criminal investigations division for the Leawood, Kan., Police Department. He was selected to represent the law enforcement agencies from the state of Kansas at the National Coalition for Crime Prevention in Salt Lake City, Utah. Hill also was appointed to the Kansas Attorney General's task force on missing and exploited children.

"Sgt. Hill is a renowned speaker in the area, and we're hoping for a big turnout," said Jack Spurlin, director of the criminal justice program. "The last four seminars have been met with success, and we encourage all students, not just criminal justice majors, to attend."

Hill also received an invitation to Calgary in Alberta, Canada, to present issues concerning sexual exploitation for the members of the Med-

ical Examiners Office and the Canadian Mounted Police. In October he spoke about crimes against children to the National Conference of Juvenile Court Justices in Washington, D.C.

"We have notified over 800 different law enforcement agencies," said Spencer, "and we've also contacted family services and the juvenile authorities as well."

Hill recently was cited for his efforts in the recovery of two children who had been kidnapped and held for more than two years. He has won numerous awards for his work.

The seminar will include lectures on the nature and scope of missing children, classification of missing children, sexual abuse and exploitation, and prevention education.

Coming next week...

intermission



Musical  
portrays  
real life'IAN GARDNER  
STAFF WRITER

After cancelling *Fiddler on the Roof* due to a low audition turnout, the combined efforts of the theatre and music departments will result in four performances of *The Fantasticks*, April 24-27, in Taylor Auditorium.

*Fantasticks*, written by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt, is the longest-running musical in the history of American theatre.

Charles "Bud" Clark, director of musical activities and music director of *The Fantasticks*, said the turnout for auditions still was not what he hoped.

"Hopefully, the excitement generated from this show will inspire people to try out next year," he said. The musical's story, based on an old French romance, centers around the lives of a young man and the girl he loves, whose parents have built a wall to keep them apart. This spurs the couple on to meet secretly and elope. Meanwhile, the parents are congratulating themselves at their clever way of manipulating the son into marriage.

Eventually, the two lovers realize that what is happening and then go their separate ways to discover life "as it really is."

The part of El Gallo is played by Fritz of Joplin. Stephanie Eador, a freshman music major, plays the part of Luisa; and Scott Grieve, a senior music education major, plays Matt. Other cast members include Clark; Clint Newby of Wellington, Kan.; Brett McDowell, junior drama education major; William Jones, sophomore drama education major; and Gerrie-Ellen Johnston of Joplin.

According to Clark, the title of the musical relates to the "illusion the characters have about life."

"Something is fantastic, it's wonderful," he said. "But there's sorrow and pain that has to be struggled through to realize the 'fantastic' part of life."

## Theatre major turns from sports

Plans for a future in professional directing compels Carter to pursue a psychology minor

LISA WERST  
STAFF WRITER

Nearly approaching graduation after nine years at Missouri Southern, James Carter has decided to stay yet another semester, choosing to direct professionally.

After being in theatre for nearly nine years, Carter has seen a lot of changes. "I've learned to adjust to changes; Dr. [theatre director Jay] Fields has brought about a lot of good changes and has helped it grow. If it wasn't for him, I wouldn't have had the opportunity to direct as an undergraduate student."

Carter's role model is director Tim Burton, noted for *Batman*, *Beetlejuice*, and *Edward Scissorhands*.

Carter admires Burton's ability to take a totally unbelievable situation and make the audience believe in it. After graduation, Carter plans to get his master's degree in directing at Florida State University. Later, he hopes to obtain a doctorate.

Carter's dream is to direct in a large city and own a cottage house on a beach with his cat and a Siberian husky.

"My most valuable experience in the theatre department was being able to direct a student-written production, *Conundrum*," he said.

"I was no good in sports, and I tried out for everything. I had no confidence, so I auditioned for *Fiddler on the Roof* and got a part."

Carter's track coach, after seeing the play, said: "I guess everyone has their niche in life."

This statement encouraged Carter to pursue acting, and in the fall of 1982 he landed the lead in the Southern Theatre production of *Beauty and the Beast*.

Carter considers the theatre department to be responsible for building his confidence and helping him to go on with his career.

"The instructors are really helpful; when I first came here, the Brizetkes (former theatre director Milt and part-time instructor Trij) were like my mother and father."

According to Carter, his first love, acting, has brought with it many triumphs and tragedies.

"My most valuable experience in the theatre department was being able to direct a student-written production, *Conundrum*," he said.

Psychology is important in directing because you're dealing with people who generally have large egos, and you're having to create another person to use in a production."

A youth, his bad luck with directing his decision to major

in theatre.

"I was no good in sports, and I tried out for everything. I had no confidence, so I auditioned for *Fiddler on the Roof* and got a part."

## FEELING FANTASTIC



Clint Newby, Scott Grieve, Stephanie Eador, and Bud Clark (from left to right) rehearse a scene from the musical *The Fantasticks*, which runs from April 24-27, and is part of the Southern Arts Festival.

"It's a story of life, basically. Life isn't as easy and fun as you think when you're a youth."

The costumes and set, Clark said, are designed to leave much to the imagination of the audience.

"The set is very abstract. You have to kind of use your imagination," he said. "It adds to the way the whole production is staged."

"It's kind of like a vaudeville act. Everything's bigger than life. On stage, that's the way it should be, anyway. After all, it's not normal for somebody to suddenly break into

song in the real world."

With this performance, Southern Theatre is conducting an "experiment" by encouraging actors in the community to audition for the production. Four of the eight characters are being portrayed by actors not affiliated with Missouri Southern.

Although disappointed with the low turnout from the community, Clark said he was "not disappointed in the caliber of the actors."

Although not a student, Clark himself is playing a part in the show, along with directing the musical

aspect of the production.

"I guess they couldn't find anybody old, so they asked me," he said. "It's interesting to flip-flop and see the side opposite of directing, and Jay [Fields, director of theatre] is fun to work with, but very demanding."

Tickets for the show are \$4 for adults and \$3 for senior citizens. Admission is free to Southern students, faculty, and staff.

Seating is limited, and reservations are strongly suggested. Persons interested in tickets may call 625-9393 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays.

'Art Times Six'  
kicks off fest

St. Louis sculptor to be featured

BY RACHEL ALUMBAUGH  
STAFF WRITER

St. Louis sculptor, Missouri Southern faculty and seniors, and an exhibit celebrating Carnegie Hall's 100th anniversary will share the spotlight as the second annual Southern Arts Festival opens.

Titled "Art Times Six," the festival opens Sunday with a reception from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the lobby of Taylor Auditorium.

Robert Powell, the St. Louis sculptor, is the featured artist of the six exhibits. He tries to reveal the historical culture of African-Americans.

"Powell's exhibit titled 'Maiden Voyage' is a collection of 15 personal works that shows his own personal direction in African-American culture," said Robert Schwieger, head of the art department.

Powell has been sculpting for 20 years, using wood discarded from old house beams, fallen trees, and various scraps that he finds.

He is the founder and president of "Portfolio," a non-profit arts organization designed to promote education and insight to African-American artists.

"100 Years of Carnegie Hall" is the second exhibit that will be on display.

"This exhibit will be comprised of about 20 posters featuring reproduc-

tions of photographs that include famous people and events that were a part of Carnegie Hall's past 100 years," said Val Christensen, director of the Spiva Art Center.

Christensen, Schwieger, and art faculty members Jon Fowler, Benita Goldman, Gary Hess, and David Noblett will display their talents in a faculty exhibit.

"The display will include ceramics, abstractions, jewelry, mixed media, and graphic design," said Hess. "There is a wide variety to appeal to many different interests."

As part of their graduation requirements, seniors Dawn Henry, Alice Knepper, Merlin Malles, and Greg Willson will be exhibiting their work through May 1.

Said Schwieger, "The senior exhibit is designed to showcase the projects these kids have been working on all year."

"Southern Showcase" is another exhibit where Southern students can showcase their work. This exhibit is a juried exhibition of recent works by various students on campus.

The final exhibit in "Art Times Six" will feature wheel-thrown and hand-built pottery. These pieces, crafted by art students, will be for sale. They offer an interesting range of designs and glazes from which to choose.

## Classical duo to play

After traveling with orchestras all around the world, Klausner and Cass, violinist and pianist, are coming to Joplin to perform in the Southern Arts Festival.

The Klausner-Cass Duo will kick off the second annual festival with a 7:30 p.m. performance Saturday in Taylor Auditorium. Reserve tickets are available in Room 112 of the Billingsly Student Center.

Reserved seating is \$4 for adults and \$3 for senior citizens and high-school age or younger students.

Tiberius Klausner and Richard Cass are professors of music at the University of Missouri-Kansas City

Conservatory of Music, and have been performing together for more than 30 years.

As a violinist and an educator, Klausner has seen the world. He has conducted The Kuentz Chamber Orchestra in Paris and studied at the Academy of Music in Budapest.

He is currently the concertmaster of the Kansas City Symphony and the principal violinist with the Volker String Quartet.

Cass also has performed professionally with the Kansas City Symphony. Cass made his professional debut in Paris. He performed in Rome last year.

## Coming Attractions

## MUSIC

## Joplin

"Nelson": With special guest "House of Lords"; 8 p.m. Tomorrow, Joplin Memorial Hall; Tickets-\$17.50; 623-3254

Symphonic Band Concert: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18, Taylor Auditorium. The Klausner-Cass Duo: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Taylor Auditorium; 625-9365

## Springfield

"The Missionaries": Tape release party; Tonight, The Regency Showcase; \$3 cover; 862-2700

"The Eyes": Tomorrow and Saturday, The Regency Showcase; 21 and over, \$4; Under 21, \$5; 862-2700

## Tulsa

Tulsa Philharmonic Pops Concert: "George Gershwin Night"; Saturday, Chapman Music Hall, Tulsa Performing Arts Center; 918-474-PHIL

Duo Pianists: Alan and Alvin Chow; Sunday, Williams Theatre, Tulsa Performing Arts Center; 918-474-PHIL

## Kansas City

Betty Carter & Trio: 8 p.m. Saturday, Folly Theatre; 474-4444

Missouri Brass Quintet: 7:30 p.m., April 18; White Recital Hall; 235-2700

## St. Louis

Orchestral Concert: Tomorrow and Saturday, St. Louis Symphony Orchestra; 534-1700

Dixieland Jazz Concert: St. Louis Stompers; Sunday, St. Louis Jazz Club; 383-2633

## ART

## Joplin

MSSC Seniors Show: Sunday thru May 19; Closed Mondays; Spiva Art Center; 623-0183

## Springfield

"Senior Show": Tomorrow thru April 24; Drury College, Cox Art Gallery; 865-8731, Ext. 263

AIDS Memorial Quilt: On display; Tomorrow thru Sunday; McDonald Arena; 864-5594

## Tulsa

"The Landscape in 20th Century American Art: Selections from the Metropolitan Museum of Art"; Sunday thru June 9; Philbrook Museum of Art; 918-749-7941

Italian Drawings: "St. Jerome Writing"; and "Seated Male Nude"; Thru April 28; Philbrook Museum of Art; 918-748-5314

George Bellows Lithographs: 35 work exhibition; Thru June 3; Philbrook Museum of Art; 918-748-5314

## St. Louis

"Tototvah": Exhibit of Hopi Indian culture; Thru April 27; Gateway Arch Museum; 425-4465

Moon Rock Exhibit: Retrieved during Apollo 15 flight; Thru April 30; St. Louis Science Center; 289-4400

"The Little Top": Exhibit of dolls and circus toys; Thru April 30; St. Louis Carousel; 889-3356

"Liberian Wood Carvings": Thru April 30; Concordia Historical Institute; 721-5934

## THEATRE

## Joplin

"The Fantasticks": 7:30 p.m., Wednesday thru April 27; Taylor Auditorium; Tickets: Adults, \$4; Senior citizens, \$3; Free admission for students, faculty, and staff; 625-9393

## Springfield

"Coming Through the Rye": Tonight thru Saturday; Evangel College; 865-2811, Ext. 365

"The Reunion": A musical comedy; Tomorrow thru Sunday, April 26-27; Stained Glass Theatre; 869-9018

## Tulsa

"The Little Foxes": Drama by Lillian Hellman; Tonight thru Saturday; Howard Auditorium, Oral Roberts University; 495-6154

"Così Fan Tutti": Tonight thru Sunday; Chapman Theatre, Kendall Hall; University of Tulsa; 918-631-2567

## Kansas City

"Camille": 7:30 p.m. Thursdays thru Sundays; 3:30 p.m. Sundays; thru April 28; Martin City Melodrama and Vaudeville; 942-7576

"Guys and Dolls": 8 p.m. tomorrow, Sunday, April 26-27; Avila College Goppert Theatre; 942-8400

## St. Louis

"One Mo Time": Song and dance tribute to black vaudeville; Tonight thru April 30; 23rd Street Theatre; 534-3807

Miami City Ballet: Tomorrow and Saturday; Fox Theatre; 652-5000

## The Book Barn

We buy and sell Baseball cards  
New and collectible comics Nintendo games,  
Compact discs, cassettes, & videos

Call 782-2778

1202 Main Street

Blues 9pm - 5am  
Saturday KRPS  
Public Radio for the Four States  
89.9 fm  
Pittsburg State University



## Hiring re-starts as result of fee

BY JOHN FORD  
STAFF WRITER

Repercussions from the April 2 passage of a sewer service fee are starting to be felt, as Joplin has begun hiring seasonal help to fill vacancies.

According to Leonard Martin, city manager, the vacancies were caused by the uncertainty of the measure's passage. Only 51.3 percent of those voting approved the sewer fee.

"We have started hiring back people in the vacated positions," Martin said at Monday night's City Council meeting. "Those positions were vacated in the police and fire departments."

"In the police department, we still need to advertise and test for those positions. With the fire department, there will be ads coming out this week to [help] fill those slots."

In response to a Council member's question, Martin said the positions were seasonal ones and not newly created.

The sewer proposal was placed on the ballot after the city cut more than \$300,000 from this fiscal year's budget. Further reductions in the police and fire department staffs were scheduled to occur May 1 if the measure failed to gain approval.

Fifteen positions in the police department were under the axe, including the community relations officer and two detectives. In addition, nine firefighting positions would have been cut had the issue failed.

The city saved approximately \$60,000 since February by initiating a hiring freeze brought about by uncertainty whether the measure would pass. A nationwide economic recession was another factor in the freeze, according to city officials, as was a downturn in city sales tax revenues.

In a related issue, the Council indicated it was ready to accept fee increases recommended by a citizens' committee, which pushed the flat fee for sewer service.

According to Councilman Earl Carr, the fee was only one of the proposals brought forth by the Citizens Finance Study Committee.

"We promised voters that we'd maintain these services, and I'm pleased we're going to be able to go forward," Carr told the Council. "But now we have to get the rest of the list, and I think we're ready to deal with them as quickly as they can be brought to us."

A series of proposed increases in the sewer fee will be brought before the Council in the near future, Martin said. At the present time, the proposal charges a flat fee of \$7 per residence and \$9.25 for each business customer. Commercial and industrial customers' rates are based primarily on water use.

At the end of Monday's session, the Council voted to go into a closed meeting in order to evaluate the city manager's job performance.

Mayor Cheryl Dandridge spoke in support of Martin before the session.

## R-8 tax levy moved back to June 11 ballot

BY KATY HURN  
STAFF WRITER

A 62-cent property tax levy proposal to raise funds for the R-8 School District was pulled from the ballot at Monday's school board meeting.

Unable to reach a unified position, members voted to delay the levy until June 11, the deadline for placing another on the ballot.

According to Jack Israel, superintendent of Joplin schools, new board members Allan Wilcox and Loyd Combs had questioned the levy early on. Wilcox and Combs were elected April 2.

"Both had campaigned with reservations about it," Israel said. "The first night of the new board, there was some debate and open antagonism. A levy this size was very problematic, especially without a unified board."

Wilcox said the levy would need more voter confidence to succeed. "We need to do more research and tell voters how much the levy will pay for," said Wilcox. "I think it will pass later without much difficulty."

"Voters will know it's needed and that the money will be spent wisely. But if it doesn't pass, there will be more money problems."

Although the levy has been dropped for now, the school board is pursuing other measures to save money. Last week, 10 administrative positions were dropped. Monday's meeting resulted in the elimination of two more administrative positions: director of student services and director of personnel.

The next school board meeting will decide the status of a salary freeze affecting all R-8 School District personnel.

Though there has been discussion of closing Duquesne School, its future is still undecided. However, Wilcox said the issue no longer would be tied to whether a levy passes or fails.

"It had become a rally point for voters," he said. "But we want to evaluate Duquesne School on its own merits."

Wilcox said the school district's current financial difficulties are the result of reduced state funding and deficit spending.

### GIVING THEM THE GAS



Earl Henderson, KPL Gas employee, renews gas service to a house off 15th Street yesterday as Erron Wright, KPL job supervisor, looks on. KPL closed Duquesne between 13th and 20th Streets this week.

## Bell gives city new phone prefix

BY JOHN FORD  
STAFF WRITER

Because of past growth and an expected growth in the future, Southwestern Bell Telephone has issued Joplin a new prefix.

The new prefix, 629, is in place primarily in state offices located in the city, according to Eddie Wolfolk, Southwestern Bell area manager.

"Right now, the prefix is not open to anyone else," said Wolfolk. "But as the town grows more and more, then we'll be opening it up to businesses and residential customers."

"I don't have any idea how soon we will expand. It could be within

the next few weeks, or it could be a year before we offer the prefix to other businesses and to our residential customers."

The state offices, said Wolfolk, operate on a phone system similar to the one at Missouri Southern. The system, Plexar, allows users to transfer calls and place callers on hold without going through a switchboard operator. Additionally, with the new prefix, the system will be monitored around the clock.

"There are 19 state office locations in Joplin which are going to Plexar," Wolfolk said. "They'll be monitored 24 hours a day. If something happens with a customer's line—if some-

thing goes wrong—then we'll know about the problem before the customer realizes there is a problem."

Additionally, Wolfolk said some exchanges at Southern may be going to the 629 prefix in the near future. "Missouri Southern is part of the new system," he said. "Some locations at Missouri Southern have gone to the 629, or they will soon."

The new prefix joins five other Joplin prefixes used by the phone company—early ones 623, 624, and 781; and later ones 782 and 625. The 625 prefix is used for many new businesses and residential customers in Joplin and serves as the main prefix for Southern.

## Bridge removal to start shortly

BY T.R. HANRAHAN  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Work to remove the Sycamore Street bridge in order to accommodate real development is scheduled to start early next month with completion slated for Nov. 1, according to the engineer in charge of the project.

"Hopefully we will be working the first week of May," said Whiteside, resident engineer of Missouri Highway and Transportation Department. "Right now, hold-up is paperwork that needs to be done."

"What is still pending are real protective liability insurance tracts. These are required by highway department, federal highway administration, and the road company themselves. This process takes some time. The contract calls for completion of work by May 1, and I think we will make it."

According to Whiteside, the improvement will consist of the construction of a new short section of five-lane concrete pavement on Sycamore Street, replacing the existing bridge.

"The construction will remove the existing bridge, and traffic will be brought down to an at-grade road crossing controlled by signals and automatic gates," he said.

During the construction, there will be handled over a two-lane lane in each direction] bypass on south side of the viaduct. Whiteside says this may slow traffic, and motorists should plan accordingly.

"Due to laws, we cannot close traffic," he said. "We are hoping traveling public will decide on their own to find alternatives. The construction will reduce the number of lanes from four to two and it will cause congestion, particularly rush hour."

The project was advanced on highway construction program to the development of the adjacent properties by the Woodmoor Corporation, which recently purchased the old Elms Center and the adjacent highway department building. The California-based developer plans to build a new high-tech shopping center on the location. Previous tenants of the Elms Center complained of poor access, and the construction is expected to solve the problem.

A portion of the project is being funded by monies made available to Joplin through the Federal Aid Program, which provides funds to cities for various projects.

## Official Nomination Outstanding Teacher Award

Semester: Spring  
Academic Year: 1990-91

Name of Teacher Nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

This Nomination is for:

- ☐ Outstanding Teacher  
☐ Outstanding Teacher of a Freshman Class

Please state the reasons you have nominated this fine teacher. Describe his or qualities as extensively as you wish. (Use an additional page if necessary.)

(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a student or member of the Alumni, please identify the class or classes you have taken from this professor.

(Class) \_\_\_\_\_

Return to Box 110, Office Services, Hearnes Hall, Room 106, no later than Tuesday, April 30, 1991.

Forms for nominations are available in the Mansion, Matthews Hall, Billingsley Student Center, Reynolds Hall, Spivey Library, Hearnes Hall, the Fine Arts Complex, the Police Academy, the Technology Building, the Alumni House, the Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium, and Taylor Hall.

## HBO MAKES WINTER THE SEASON FOR PRIZE DAISIES, THORNY ROSES AND STEEL MAGNOLIAS.



This winter is looking rosier than ever on HBO. With a brilliant assortment of the biggest and best entertainment around. Add Cinemax for even more movies, more choice.

HBO  
cinemax

© 1991 Home Box Office, Inc. All rights reserved. HBO and Cinemax are registered service marks and trademarks of Home Box Office, Inc.



Call for details on \$99 Installation offer! 624-6340

**Little Caesars Pizza**

1232 RANGE LINE  
782-8200

Mon.-Thurs. 11 to 11, Fri.-Sat. 11 to 12, Sun. 12-11

VALUABLE COUPON

**PARTY PACK!**

**\$23.49**

4 large pizzas with choice and one topping (plus two 7 oz. soft drinks)

Expires: 5-11-91  
782-8200

**Little Caesars**

VALUABLE COUPON

**BABY PAN! PAN!**

A 12 oz. soft drink

**\$2.29**

Expires: 5-11-91  
782-8200

**Little Caesars**

VALUABLE COUPON

**FAMILY CHOICE**

2 MEDIUM PIZZAS

**\$8.99**

FLAVOR PIZZAS \$12.99 each

One pizza with 4 toppings for the adults.  
One pizza with 2 toppings for the kids.

Valid only on regular menu items. Excludes all other items. Not valid on delivery. Expires 5-11-91. No Cash Refunds For Delivery.

VALUABLE COUPON

2 Pizzas With 90% More Pepperoni! Pepperoni

Two Medium Pizzas

**\$6.99**

NO COUPON NECESSARY. Excludes all other items. Not valid on delivery. Expires 5-11-91. No Cash Refunds For Delivery.

VALUABLE COUPON

Two Large Pizzas

**\$9.99**

NO COUPON NECESSARY. Excludes all other items. Not valid on delivery. Expires 5-11-91. No Cash Refunds For Delivery.



## Pro-life activists remain hopeful

BY STEPHEN MOORE  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Although the end of the legislative session is nearing, one issue continues to heat up. Yesterday more than 300 pro-life demonstrators filled the Capitol rotunda in an effort to dissuade legislators from considering further abortion restrictions.

According to Karen Decker, chair of the legislative committee for the Missouri Alliance for Choice, there are efforts to revive anti-abortion legislation.

"It's not that we're trying to protect abortion rights in this state," Decker said. "We don't have abortion rights in this state."

"We're trying to keep restrictions from getting any more severe than they are," she said.

The rally was attended by pro-life members of the legislature, including Treasurer Wendell Bailey, and Gov. Mel Carnahan. Bailey and Carnahan both are 1992 gubernatorial candidates.

Attempts to bring anti-abortion measures to the floor currently are blocked by amending the bills onto legislation which already has been passed out of committee. According to Callahan, consultant on lobbying, field, and PAC for Missouri Life, two bills are the focus of the group's efforts.

"At the present time, we are asking the legislature to support putting the passage of the care-giver bill sponsored by Sen. John Schneider (Florissant) and the abortion restriction bill (sponsored by Sen. Scott (D-St. Louis)) onto legislation that will be on the floor," Callahan said.

A release issued by the Missouri Alliance for Choice alleged that pro-life groups are attempting to place Scott's measure onto a bill dealing with substance abuse during pregnancy. Scott, however, denied the allegation, saying that it is "not a question."

"We wouldn't do that," Scott said. "It's an important bill."

If the bill is amended onto a pending measure, Callahan does not believe it will harm the legislation.

"First of all, we know there is major support for pro-life in both houses," she said. "It would in no way be a piece of legislation."

She said it would only kill a bill sponsored by the measure decided against it in order to eliminate the pro-life language.

## WELCOME TO THE FOLD



After a tour of the Capitol, newly elected Kansas City mayor Emanuel Cleaver (center) attended a reception hosted by Lt. Gov. Mel Carnahan (left), Gov. John Ashcroft (right) also was in attendance at the event.

STEPHEN MOORE/THE CHART

## Bill seeks to preserve state's sunken artifacts

Riverboats object of treasure hunts

BY T.R. HANRAHAN  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Preserving history from the greedy is the purpose of a bill now pending in the House state parks committee, according to the measure's sponsor.

Senate Bill 75, sponsored by Sen. Henry Panethiere (D-Kansas City), would require those wanting to excavate abandoned or submerged shipwrecks to obtain a license, secure the assistance of a professional archaeologist, submit a plan for excavation to the department of natural resources, and make 50 percent of recovered materials offered for sale available to public or private museums or other public institutions in the state.

"The need for this first came to light because of news accounts of individuals bringing up submerged vessels on the Missouri River," said Panethiere. "The ordinary treasure hunter would not try to preserve anything he did not deem immediately valuable. Once no money or other 'valuable' items were found, they often destroyed the artifacts that might have been of value to historians."

"One wreck near Booneville was dug out, and when no gold was

found they left it exposed to the elements and the rest was lost. Who knows what was there."

According to Panethiere, the same bill was introduced in 1959.

"It seemed to be well received, but time just ran out before we could get it through the legislative process."

Panethiere has found no reason why the measure would not be enacted this session.

"There have been no Senate bills reported in [the House] yet, so we'll have time," he said. "I see no opposition and, like last time, it is just a matter of going through the process."

According to Panethiere, a large number of riverboats and other vessels have been lost on the Missouri River. He cited one case as indicative of the impact his bill could have.

"There have been several hundred ships that have sunk on the Missouri River between St. Louis and Omaha [Neb.]," he said. "When this bill was first introduced, it was about the time they recovered the Arabia in Kansas City. They followed the procedures we have outlined here [in the bill], and the recovered artifacts will be in a museum there."

Panethiere says the complete recovery of ships like the Arabia is important for historians.

"The Arabia was almost like a

floating Wal-Mart," he said. "It contained many of the items and utensils used by the people of the time. These are artifacts we should preserve for posterity."

Among the items recovered from the ship were English wine, champagne, a complete and undamaged porcelain tea set, Indian trade beads, thousands of household and clothing items, school supplies, hardware, eyeglasses, soggy Havana cigars, and assorted firearms. Horse bones also are listed among the inventory of artifacts, as horses are the only known casualties of the wreck.

The Arabia sank in the Missouri River, just below Parkville, in 1856. The steamboat was recovered from a Wyandotte (Kan.) bean field in January 1959.

River Salvage Inc., which excavated the Arabia and owns the artifacts, will display some of the treasures in Kansas City's renovated City Market.

Panethiere said his bill will not discourage the excavation of shipwrecks, but allow the items found to benefit all.

"I think the case of the Arabia shows it can be done and done right," he said. "This just establishes guidelines."

Violations of the proposed statute would be classified as a class A misdemeanor.

## House studies funding reform

BY STEPHEN MOORE  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Although it is the biggest tax package in Missouri's history, the Economic Survival Act of 1991 is receiving a positive response, according to the bill's sponsor.

The legislation, sponsored by Sen. James Mathewson (D-Sedalia), provides reform and nearly half a billion dollars in additional funding for the state's education system. The package underwent its first committee hearing in the House last week.

The hearing, which lasted more than five hours, is the first step the bill must take before gaining House approval. According to Ray Schneider, chief of staff for Mathewson, the tone of the meeting generally was positive.

"The senator was very encouraged," Schneider said, "because he noted that there was no one who seemed to be taking the position that this is foolishness."

"Everybody seems to be talking along the same lines," he said. "It's just a matter of detail."

During the meeting, Speaker of the House Bob Griffin (D-Cameron) presented an outline for a possible House committee substitute. The outline provides for an annual funding boost of \$671 million and contains additional reforms for education.

Although Gov. John Ashcroft has said he will campaign against the measure unless it contains specific reforms which he has recommended, Mark Ausmus, general counsel for Griffin, said the additional reforms were not included in response to Ashcroft's suggestions.

"We don't really care about the governor," Ausmus said. "We have to get it by our House members, and they wanted some of these things."

Schneider said he expects the bill to be voted onto the House floor as early as next week.

According to Mathewson, such high-profile hearings normally are marked by negative sentiment regarding the legislation as well as sporadic attendance. But this meeting, he said, was mainly positive, holding nearly every committee member until the meeting's 1 a.m. completion.

Mathewson said Griffin will handle the legislation after it is voted out of committee. Mathewson said this is rarely done.

"That's how important this bill is," he said.

## Higher Education Briefs

### Grad instructors call off classes

► Some graduate instructors at the University of Missouri-Columbia, protesting their low pay and working conditions, cancelled their classes Monday.

Estimates of the number of instructors who called off their classes ranged from "quite a few" to "fewer than five." The protest was organized by graduate assistants in the English department.

The 95 English GAs are housed in only two rooms and forced to share four phone lines, two computers, and one copier. GAs are paid from \$485 to \$630 per month.

### Lincoln to host meetings today

► The first Missouri Conference on Blacks in Higher Education begins today at Lincoln University in Jefferson City.

Poor retention rates of black students and uncomfortable campus and community environments are some of the topics to be addressed at the three-day conference. The University of Missouri-Columbia, the University of Missouri-Kansas City, and Central Missouri State University also are scheduled to participate.

### Penn Valley gets new president

► E. Paul Williams, executive dean of the Sylvania campus of the Portland Community College District, has been named president of Penn Valley Community College in Kansas City.

Williams, who assumes his new post June 1, beat out 105 other candidates for the position vacated last year by Zelema Harris, now president of Parkland College in Champaign, Ill.

Williams, who is black, has said he wants to increase retention of students and create links between Penn Valley's programs and the needs of the Kansas City business community. He considers the college's sizable minority enrollment, about 45 percent, an asset.

### Name change comes up again

► The \$671 million education tax proposal by House Speaker Bob Griffin could lead to a name change for Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield.

Any tax package that goes to the voters should designate SMSU as Missouri State University, according to Sen. Dennis Smith (R-Springfield).

"I believe SMSU has more or less earned that right as things stand now," Smith said. "We do not want to wait another two or three years."

Rep. Ken Jacobs (D-Columbia) wants the Coordinating Board for Higher Education to make a comprehensive study of what's best for SMSU, southwest Missouri, and the entire state. A recommendation would be made to the state legislature by Jan. 30, 1993.

### College begins building project

► William Jewell College in Liberty has started construction on a \$7.5 million Center for Basic Sciences and Computer Technology.

The four-story, 66,400-square-foot building, to be occupied in October 1992, will house the chemistry, biology, physics, mathematics, and science technology departments. The project is the centerpiece of a \$21 million "Leadership 2000" capital campaign. About \$19 million already has been raised.

## RENADING THE LEGISLATORS



STEPHEN MOORE/THE CHART

Members of the acappella choir at Smith Cotton High School in Sedalia traveled to the Capitol Tuesday to perform patriotic hymns. The group gathered on the rotunda staircase leading to the governor's office.

## Rhoads ready to hit 1992 campaign trail

Webster picks second Southern alumnus

BY STEPHEN MOORE  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Another former Missouri Southern student has been added to the gubernatorial campaign team of Attorney General William Webster.

Mark Rhoads, who spent his freshman year at Southern, has been appointed Webster's finance chairman for the "Team Missouri" campaign.

In this role, Rhoads will be responsible for all campaign expenditures as well as coordination of fund-raising efforts. In addition, Rhoads said, he will work closely with Tony Feather, another Southern alumnus and campaign manager for Webster, in planning campaign strategy.

"It's going to be a challenge," said Rhoads. "It's a challenge that I'm looking forward to."

"It's an exciting time for Bill Webster and the state of Missouri; it's an opportunity for both," he said.

Although Rhoads has only been working at his new position for four days, he has worked for Webster for more than eight years. He had been director of administration in the attorney general's office since 1985.

In this job, Rhoads was responsible for personnel and budget management, legislative and policy developments, and capital improvements for the office. Prior to that, Rhoads managed Webster's campaign for attorney general in 1984. He also has worked with the late Sen. Richard Webster.

Webster is expected to announce his candidacy early next year, but Rhoads said it already has become necessary to begin preparations for the race.

"There comes a point in any campaign where, as you prepare for making those announcements, you need to have full-time people out there doing campaign work," he said.

According to Webster, Rhoads' work in the attorney general's office, in addition to his overall experience in state government, was a factor in selecting him for the post.

"I've worked with Mark for eight years," Webster said. "He's a very capable individual; he has a wealth of knowledge of government, and I have total trust in him."

Rhoads said in securing the post, he was not in direct competition with any other candidates.

"Bill and I have a close working relationship," he said. "It was not openly competitive."

"It was something that I sought out and asked him to consider me for," Rhoads said.

Although Rhoads said he does not have a specific position in mind, he likely would be rewarded with a key post on Webster's staff should the attorney general be elected governor.

"One of the reasons I wanted to take this time off of state government and work for Bill is that I believe Bill is the leader for the 90s," Rhoads said, "and I want to be a part of that."



# Mom wants her own career

Candela to receive degree in May

BY MIKE PETERSEN  
CHART REPORTER

Attending college at the same time as her daughter, Corinne Candela believes she will finally accomplish her goal of getting a degree.

Candela, a senior sociology major, started college at the age of 40.

"I wanted my own career," she said. "I didn't want to rely totally on my husband. I wanted a more independent role now that my children were raised."

Candela's role model was her husband, who stressed the importance of obtaining a college education.

She was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., and moved to Carthage in 1978. Her family consists of two children: Tony, 21; Allison, 20; and husband, Tom. They have offered a "great deal" of support whenever it is needed.

"I couldn't have done it without my family," Candela said. "They have been a very strong, supportive network from the very beginning."

After years of not setting foot inside a classroom, Candela was petrified her first day at Southern.

"I could barely hold my pencil," she said. "I felt more at ease once I was invited to sit near an acquaint-

ance of mine."

According to Candela, it didn't bother her to be labeled a non-traditional student.

"I feel it is an advantage over the traditional student in that I didn't feel intimidated by my instructors," she said. "My teachers are my friends as well as my instructors."

Candela believes she has accomplished a "tremendous" goal in returning to school and graduating next month.

Her advice to others of the non-traditional variety in returning to college is to "go for it. It is a true learning experience."

"I love school," Candela said. "I could easily become a lifetime student. I feel I will always attend school in some fashion as I find learning a rewarding challenge and sociology to be intellectually stimulating."

Candela is vice president of Alpha Kappa Delta, a sociology honor society at Missouri Southern. She has completed an internship in the social services department at McCune-Brooks Hospital in Carthage.

After graduation, she wants to be a social worker in a hospital environment. Candela wants to eventually get her master's degree in sociology.

She believes Southern is a "fantastic" institution.

"The support you get at Southern is outstanding," she said. "You can't get this kind of support anywhere else. I personally could not have made it without all the encouragement I have received from my teachers, Dr. Conrad Gubera, professor of sociology, and Dr. David Tate, department head of social sciences. The faculty managed to always find the time to talk with me on any academic advice I might need."

Her hobbies include writing poetry, photography, traveling, and listening to music. She also helps her husband with his business, Carthage Deli and Donut.

The Candelas are involved in the American Field Service (AFS), a program that recruits foreign students to study in the United States on the secondary level. They have hosted four foreign exchange students from various countries.

"My family got very attached to all four students and have managed to visit them occasionally," she said.

Candela's philosophy is to "appreciate life and don't take it for granted; take each day at a time."

"I am very high on life, and when I walk across the stage this spring to receive my degree, I will walk across it with great pride in myself as Corinne Anne Nickel Candela—daughter, wife, mother, and student."

## LIKE MOTHER, LIKE DAUGHTER



Corinne Candela, senior sociology major, is attending school with her daughter, Allison (right), sophomore elementary education major. Corinne hopes to be a social worker in a hospital environment.

# Lecturer through juggling colleges

BY TANYA GAUTIER  
CHART REPORTER

After working part-time for three colleges last year, June Taylor chose Missouri Southern as her place to call home.

In Taylor's first year as a lecturer in communications she says, "It's a lot easier to drive to one school and teach one subject than to drive to three schools and teach three different subjects."

Taylor, who taught part-time at Pittsburg State University, Crowder College, and Southern last year, has settled down to just Southern this year. She said she taught part-time to work on her doctorate; after she finished teaching she would attend classes at Oklahoma State University.

Taylor, who graduated with a B.A. in language arts, an M.A. in education, and an Ed.S. in higher education from PSU, says she enjoys words. She says she loves the meaning of words and how they are used to communicate.

"In seventh grade I had a teacher who was a human dynamo," said Taylor with a smile. "She really planted the seed for my teaching career."

When Taylor began her teaching career she did not plan on becoming a communications (speech) teacher. When she got her first job at Miami (Okla.) Junior High, speech was the only opening left, so she took it. The program wasn't on solid ground, either.

"There weren't even books for my class," she said with a laugh. Taylor said she built the program, making the communications field more interesting for her.

## HOME AT LAST



June Taylor, lecturer in communications, holds a full-time position at Missouri Southern after simultaneously working part-time last year at Southern, Crowder College, and Pittsburg State University.

resting for her.

Her work at Miami led to a nomination by parents and her peers for the Excellence in Education state teaching award. Although Taylor did not win the award she said it was a great honor to be nominated.

She also has spent five weeks in New York with 15 of her peers studying the teachings and learnings of Plato.

"It was a seminar on humanities that focused on the bases of Socrates," said Taylor, who added that it was a great deal of fun as well.

Taylor also works at *The Joplin Globe* 25-30 hours a week as the Newspaper in Education (NIE) coordinator. She writes a monthly column and organizes *The Globe's* projects and ads for education in addition to giving seminars for teachers.

"As teachers we use every tool available, and that's what I do with my work at *The Globe*," Taylor said.

She has been married for 25 years and has three children. Taylor said she enjoys watching her children's activities, reading Agatha Christie novels, and walking her cocker spaniel with her husband.

Her advice to students is to discover the joys of learning and become a life-long learner.

"I'm concerned about my students and enthusiastic about my objects as a teacher," said Taylor. "I feel that in life you should make your vocation your avocation."

Pat Lipira, head softball coach, takes a similar position.

"In my program, they know what is expected of them," she said. "We let them know what they need to be eligible, and if they have problems we point them to the Learning Center for tutoring."

Special programs to bring non-qualifying athletes within NCAA guidelines exist at larger schools, but according to Beard and Lantz, the College does not have the resources for that to be feasible.

"Division I schools can afford to pump money into tutoring and specialized instruction for marginal athletes, but smaller schools just can't afford that," Beard said.

Lantz agreed, saying the numbers do not allow him that option.

"I can't afford to bring in a non-qualifier with 40 scholarships," he said. "This isn't really a problem competitively because everyone in Division II is in the same boat."

"I want to graduate," Frazier said.

Lantz said a player's maturity and class standing influences his priorities.

"That [degree] is what they're here for," he said. "But the 18-year-old who comes in as a freshman is probably thinking about playing ball first. He's thinking about his eligibility."

"It isn't until he's here for a year that he realizes it's for a reason, and he concentrates on graduation."

# Bilingual student adapts

Puerto Rican native appreciates Southern's organization

BY CHRISTY MYERS  
CHART REPORTER

Through the influence of Dr. Carmen Carney she chose to attend Missouri Southern.

Aida D. Aponte, a native of Cayey, Puerto Rico, has been attending Southern since 1986. She anticipates graduating this spring with a marketing and management degree.

"I was getting ready to attend the University of Puerto Rico when I found out about a group Dr. Carney was recruiting to come to Southern," said Aponte.

Carney, professor of Spanish at Southern, is from Juan Diaz, Puerto Rico. In 1986, Carney organized a group of students from Juan Diaz High School, where she was teaching, to come to Southern.

"I was really interested in coming to the United States so I could speak the language better, but had no opportunity," said Aponte. "However, within a week I was enrolled at Southern."

"When I first came to Southern I could not speak English fluently. This was really hard for me, but in time I caught on by reading and listening to other people."

"In Puerto Rico it is very important to be bilingual so that you can get a good job," she said.

When Aponte came to Southern in 1986, she was impressed at how organized the College was.

"I was really amazed with everything," she said. "Everything was so organized. They were ready for me and were glad to help me."

"Now I appreciate everything they did for me," she said.

Aponte, the second of three children, had to leave her family behind to come here.

"The hardest thing that I had to adapt to, when I came to Missouri, was the cold weather," she said.

Aponte describes herself as very

sharing person. She likes to share her feelings with other people and write to her friends in Puerto Rico.

She says her favorite class at Southern has been Organizational Behavior. She has enjoyed all her instructors in the school of business.

"The teachers at Southern are always willing to help the students. They are willing and have the time to help us," she said.

Aponte is undecided as to what

she will do after graduation. She sent for information on different universities for continuing her education toward a master's degree. She decides against that avenue.

Aponte believes going to college can be beneficial to all students.

"The opportunity to come to college is one of the best opportunities ever, something that everyone should appreciate," she says.



Aida D. Aponte

## Rates/From Page 1

ance it out."

Lantz said there are other ways to keep players in line.

"I make up lots of contracts," he said. "Some are behavioral contracts, and some are academic contracts, but they basically tell them what I expect. There are three or four [athletes] this spring on Coach Lantz probation."

"Don't they expect to be treated as adults? I think we should treat them as adults."

## Coaches/From Page 1

exists, and better students make better athletes, according to Jon Lantz, head football coach.

"I would like to see those numbers improve," Lantz said. "You will very seldom see successful teams on the field that are not strong academically and vice versa. The last job I had, I graduated 10 of 11 seniors, and the 11th eventually finished. He is now with me as an assistant coach."

Lantz said the classroom performance of his team is important, and he keeps regular watch on the players' progress.

"I run grade checks on the players every four weeks," he said. "When I see that a kid needs help, I refer him to the Learning Center where he can get what he needs."

Frazier admits that some students will not graduate despite the best efforts of coaches, but he and Lantz agree that a degree is the ultimate goal.

"While we insist that they graduate, we also have to realize there is a percentage who will make no attempt to graduate," Frazier said.

Lantz said a player's maturity and class standing influences his priorities.

"That [degree] is what they're here for," he said. "But the 18-year-old who comes in as a freshman is probably thinking about playing ball first. He's thinking about his eligibility."

"It isn't until he's here for a year that he realizes it's for a reason, and he concentrates on graduation."

Lantz said a player's maturity and class standing influences his priorities.

"That [degree] is what they're here for," he said. "But the 18-year-old who comes in as a freshman is probably thinking about playing ball first. He's thinking about his eligibility."

"It isn't until he's here for a year that he realizes it's for a reason, and he concentrates on graduation."

# Special education major hopes to make a positive difference in children's lives

BY MARK POELKING  
CHART REPORTER

Teaching to make a difference is how Darrell Erhart, senior psychology/special education major, stresses his goals in life.

"I think it's great that I can make a positive difference in a child's life," he said.

Showing his admiration toward his major, Erhart enjoys teaching a learning disability class at Diamond High School.

"As a teacher, my top priority will be to make a difference in some small way—to make people aware that I really care about what happens to them and their quality of life. I want to give them the opportunity to excel in some way," he said.

"I'd like to be a friend," Erhart said.

Erhart's classes will be encouraged to pursue learning by personal choice and to reach individual potential.

"I saw a lot of kids [at Diamond] with problems in learning and adjusting to the school environment,

and I got really interested in how kids learn and develop intellectually," he said. "I want to help them learn."

"And Missouri Southern's staff has helped me to learn. The professors make sure that you are prepared for teaching," Erhart said.

After graduating from Garnett (Kan.) High School, he attended Fort Scott (Kan.) Community College on a football scholarship. When his two years were up at Fort Scott, he came to Southern on another football scholarship.

Graduation in May means he will return to Kansas with his bachelor of science degree to teach learning disabilities at Lawrence High School.

"Always being one to stay on the move, I will attend graduate school and receive my master of science in school administration at the University of Kansas," Erhart said.

He spends his free time participating in all types of sporting events. Although he likes teaching, Erhart says he won't die with a ruler in his hand, but rather a golf club—per-

haps an eight-iron.

He is an avid golfer now that he has put the shoulder pads away.

"Golf is a great sport. It's something nice and peaceful to do on a warm sunny day. A few of my buddies and myself go out and have a real good time," he says with a smile.

Education is important to Erhart. "I enjoy teaching immensely," he said. "I feel I'm doing something positive, and I think I'm good at it."

He attributes part of his ability to Southern's education program and the "good, hands-on teaching" by his instructors.

He has plenty of advice for students wanting to make the most of their college years.

"You learn what you want to do in college," Erhart says. "You have to challenge yourself."

"And most of all, you need to enjoy yourself while getting an education. Because after college, you end up in a fast-paced place called the world."



# Baseball Lions rank third in nation

Team sweeps PSU; splits two with NWMSU

BY ROD SHETLER  
SPORTS EDITOR

In moving up to third in the national rankings, the baseball Lions swept another conference series and took two of three from MIAA North Division opponents last week in improving their record to 38-9 overall and 12-0 in the MIAA North Division.

On Monday the Lions were in St. Louis to take on North Division opponent Missouri Western, which had snapped their 19-game winning streak on March 26. This time Southern prevailed 6-4 behind the pitching of Mark Baker (5-1) and Todd Casper, who nailed down his fourth save of the year.

The Lions continued on to Maryville Tuesday, splitting a doubleheader with Northwest Missouri State. Southern took the opener 8-1 behind the three-hit pitching of sophomore Jeremy Beres (3-1). Third baseman Bryan Larson and left fielder Bob Kneefe each collected two hits.

"It's coming back around for me," said Kneefe. "For a while there I wasn't hitting the ball like I should have been. I got more relaxed at the plate, and so far it has been paying off for me."

Southwest, from the MIAA North Division, came back and took the second 4-3. Centerfielder Tom Busch led the Lions with five hits and three RBIs in the twinbill.

"We played two of the top teams in the North Division, and I feel good coming away winning two out of three of those games," said Warren Turner, head coach, "particularly coming off the weekend series with Pittsburg State."

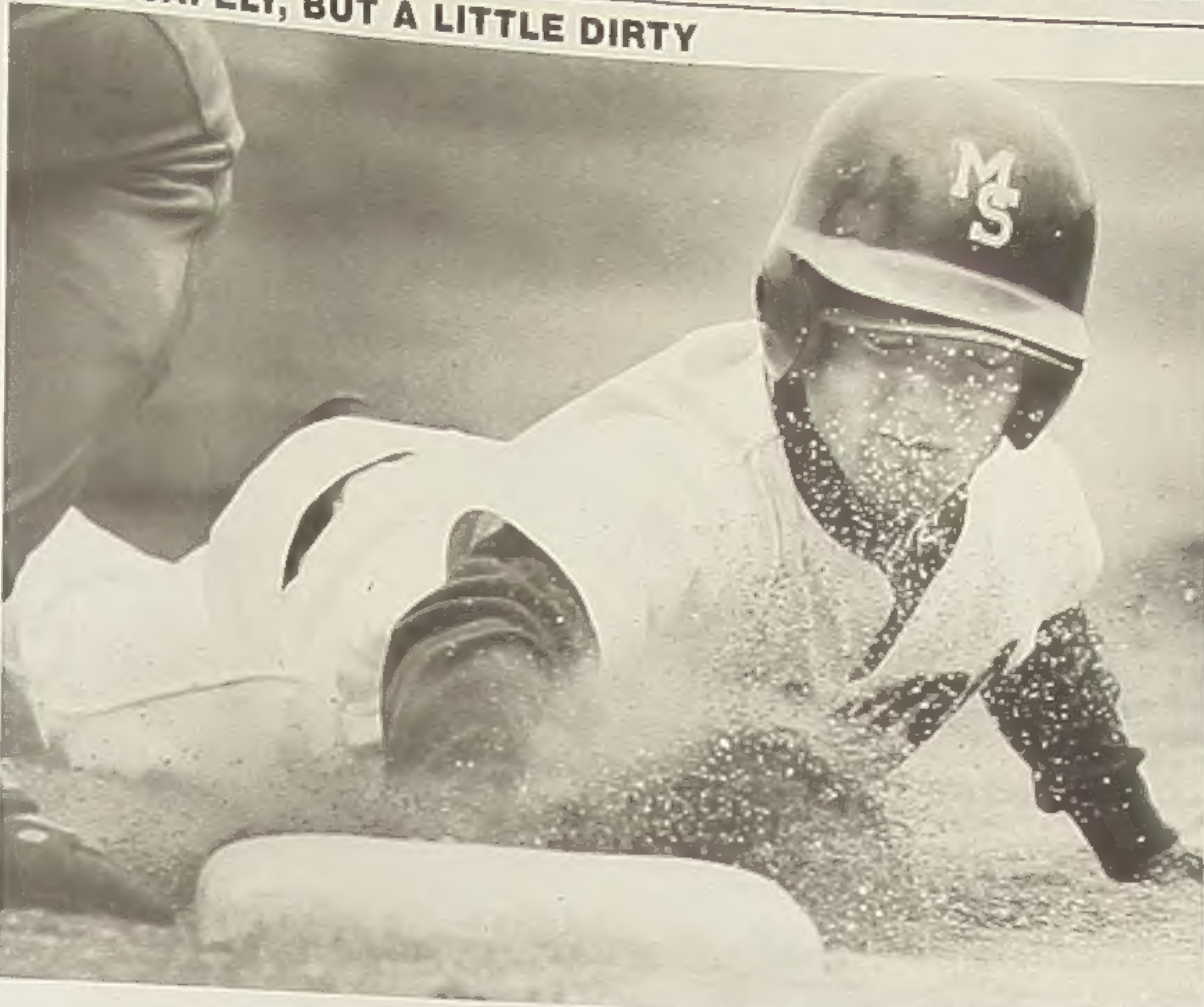
The Lions swept PSU in a three-game South Division series Friday and Sunday. The Gorillas failed to score a single run, losing 12-0, 13-0, 14-0.

Junior Tim Luther won the game, allowing only three singles and two walks. Even though the 18-5 junior dominated the Goats, he was impressed with their year baseball program.

"I thought PSU looked awfully good for a team that just started," Luther said. "There was a lot of pressure on us to win. I see it eventually becoming a good rivalry."

The Lions split a doubleheader

## BACK SAFELY, BUT A LITTLE DIRTY



Senior centerfield Tom Busch dives safely back to first base last Thursday in Missouri Southern's 5-2 loss to Oral Roberts University.

"We will also be competing with each other when signing area players," he added. "We have always had a monopoly on that."

"We played two of the top teams in the North Division, and I feel good coming away winning two out of three of those games, particularly coming off the weekend series with Pittsburg State."

—Warren Turner, Head Baseball Coach

Junior Tim Luther extended his record to 7-1 and senior Ken Grundt upped his mark 8-1 in the other two wins over PSU.

The Lions split a doubleheader

with Oral Roberts University last Thursday. Beres took the loss in the opener, 5-2, but junior Randy Curry (4-0) came back with a 1-0 shutout

are second in the South Division. The Lions need to win only one game from SEMO to host the MIAA post-season tournament April 28-29.

"A home-field advantage for us in the tournament is very important," said Kneefe. "To play in our own confines relates us, and we play better. We sometimes put pressure on ourselves when we are away."

Pittman, who will pitch the opener for the Lions at SEMO, agrees with Kneefe's statement.

"I'm not overly enthusiastic about the drive down there," said Pittman of the six-hour trip to Cape Girardeau. "We just need the one win to host the tournament, but we are out to win all we play."

Luther and Grundt are scheduled to pitch Saturday's 1 p.m. doubleheader against the Indians.

## NCAA Division II Baseball Poll

With records through Sunday and total points

School	Record	Pts
1. Florida Southern	32-7-1	480
2. New Haven	16-0-0	452
3. Missouri Southern	36-6-0	446
4. Delta State	23-9-0	426
5. Dominguez Hills	20-14-1	424
6. Armstrong State	26-12-0	404
7. Tampa	25-13-0	390
8. Troy State	28-12-0	268
9. Jacksonville State	27-6-0	344
10. Florida Tech	23-10-0	328
11. Cal Poly Pomona	19-21-0	312
12. North Alabama	23-10-0	310
13. SIU-Edwardsville	22-7-0	272
14. Stanislaus State	23-12-0	268
15. Livingston	28-10-1	260
16. Maryhurst	20-5-0	246
17. Cal Poly SLO	16-17-0	214
18. Lewis	16-16-0	212
19. S.C. Spartanburg	20-11-0	204
20. Cent. Missouri	25-11-0	174

## Golfers claim title

What a difference a week can make.

Coming off a second-round collapse in last week's Missouri Intercollegiate Tournament, Missouri Southern golfers won a one-team playoff to capture the team title in Monday's Heart of America Classic in Warrensburg. Southern took first place with a birdie and and seven pars in the playoff round. The Lions defeated Pittsburg State and Lincoln University in the two extra holes.

All five team members participated in the playoff, with the lowest scores counting for the team total.

The three playoff teams finished with team totals of 596 for the 36 holes of regulation play. Southern, which trailed Southwest Baptist University by one stroke after the first round, shot a 304 over the final 18 holes. Lincoln and PSU finished with second-round scores of 297 and 300, respectively.

Central Missouri State University (597), SBU (600), and Washburn (600) rounded out the field.

Although Southern captured the team title, none of its golfers finished higher than ninth in the individual standings.

Jon Anderson led Lion golfers with a 148 after a final round 75. Anderson was followed by Mike Crain, Chris Fredenberg, and Trent Stiles, who tied for 13th place with 150. Chris Claassen finished play with a 153.

Poole and Melissa Woods lost to Dumas-Heller 6-3, 7-6. In No. 2 doubles, Hoch and Mayberry fell to Ahlstedt and Sherman 6-4, 6-2. The team's final loss came when Phillis Woods teamed with Curry and lost to Washburn's Rupp and Ramsey 6-3, 6-2.

Before its match against Washburn, the team had pushed its record to 12-4 in match play with a 9-0 win over Northeastern (Okla.) State and an 8-1 loss to Oral Roberts. Both matches were contested in Tablequah, Okla.

In the victory over Northeastern, No. 1 Poole, No. 2 Woods, No. 3 Hoch, No. 4 Mayberry, No. 5 Woods, and No. 6 Norcross all scored singles and doubles wins.

The Lady Lions didn't fare so well against Oral Roberts, with Phillis Woods providing the only win.

"ORU was tough all the way down," said Georgina Bodine, head coach. "They have really good depth, and their girls hit the ball really

well. Poole and Melissa Woods lost to Dumas-Heller 6-3, 7-6. In No. 2 doubles, Hoch and Mayberry fell to Ahlstedt and Sherman 6-4, 6-2. The team's final loss came when Phillis Woods teamed with Curry and lost to Washburn's Rupp and Ramsey 6-3, 6-2.

Before its match against Washburn, the team had pushed its record to 12-4 in match play with a 9-0 win over Northeastern (Okla.) State and an 8-1 loss to Oral Roberts. Both matches were contested in Tablequah, Okla.

In the victory over Northeastern, No. 1 Poole, No. 2 Woods, No. 3 Hoch, No. 4 Mayberry, No. 5 Woods, and No. 6 Norcross all scored singles and doubles wins.

The Lady Lions didn't fare so well against Oral Roberts, with Phillis Woods providing the only win.

"ORU was tough all the way down," said Georgina Bodine, head coach. "They have really good depth, and their girls hit the ball really

## Softball Lions grab division; suffer first MIAA setback

BY T.R. HANRAHAN  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Win some, lose some. Despite capturing the MIAA South Division crown, on Tuesday the softball team suffered its first conference defeat and may have lost the services of freshman pitcher Andrea Clarke temporarily.

Southern, 32-4 overall and 9-1 in the MIAA, defeated the University of Missouri-St. Louis 6-1 and the University of Missouri-Rolla 4-1, but fell 4-0 to Southeast Missouri State.

While the loss cost the Lady Lions their perfect conference record, it may be what the team needs, according to Pat Lipira, head coach.

"It's probably good that we took this loss," she said. "It tells us that the conference tournament is not something we can go in and just take."

Lipira's major concern right now is Clarke's condition. Clarke, suffering from soreness in her side, may be

forced to sit out a few games in order to be ready for the MIAA post-season tournament.

"We're hoping it is just a bruise," Lipira said. "She hits her side when she throws her screwball, so we think that may be the cause."

Lipira is willing to go without Clarke, 15-4 and leading the MIAA in victories, if that's what it takes for her to be ready for the post-season.

"We really want her strong for conference," Lipira said. "If it comes down to a situation where she needs time off, we'll have to live with that and make it up with our bats."

Lipira is confident the team can pick up the slack.

"We've seen signs of just being an outstanding offensive team," she said. "This could very well be the best offensive club I've had at Southern. We're not at our strongest now, but we'll be ready by conference."

According to Lipira, the remaining schedule before the MIAA tournament will be a challenge.

"This will be the toughest week of

the season," she said. "We play two games against Washburn today; we play in the Missouri Western Invitational Friday and Saturday, and again Tuesday against Northeastern State University."

The Lady Lions have the top seed in the conference tournament, but Lipira said any team is capable of winning.

"No game will be easy," she said. "Every team believes they are capable of winning this tournament. They know if they win this they will go on to the NCAA's, and that is quite an incentive."

Even if Southern does not win the MIAA tournament, it still can qualify for the NCAA Division II tournament by virtue of its high national ranking. The Lady Lions are ninth in the poll this week.

"We beat a team ranked higher than us in SIU-Edwardsville, and that's important to do," said Lipira. "We have to continue to do that if we want to stay up in the ranking and move up."

## Southern hosts first track tourney

BY NICK COBLE  
STAFF WRITER

Despite inclement weather, Missouri Southern refused to let it rain on its parade, as it hosted the MSSC Crossroads Invitational Saturday.

A handful of teams, including Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, Northeastern Oklahoma State, Missouri-Rolla, and Tarkio College, faced intermittent rain during the event.

"It was a good situation because it taught the kids to run in inclement weather," said Tom Rutledge, Southern head coach. "You can't control the weather; the only time we won't run is when there's thunder and lightning."

In the 3,000-meter steeplechase, Kern Sorrell pulled away from the pack for a first-place finish (9:35). Allen Moss was third (10:23).

In the 1,500, Jason Riddle and Jon Hatley finished 1-2 (4:10, 4:13).

In the throwing events, Doug Martin took first in the discus with a personal best of 153-2.

After participating in a Southern football scrimmage that morning, James Holdman and John Buchanan competed in Southern's Invitational. Buchanan captured first in the long jump (23-15), and Holdman took third in the 200-meter dash (21.72).

"The football players are going back into practice, and it's difficult for them doubling up," Rutledge said. For the Lady Lions, Tamerlee

Schuessler took first in the discus (141-2). Debbie Williams placed first in the 800 (2:21), and Donna Boleski was first in the 3,000 (10:35) and first in the 1,500 with a personal best of 4:55.

Boleski now eyes a national qualifying time, having provisionally qualified in the 10,000 at the April 5 Pittsburg State Relays.

"I'm shooting for the 10,000, and I think I can get it," said Boleski. "I feel like I have enough time to be able to do it."

A select few of Southern's runners will travel to the University of Kansas Relays tomorrow and Saturday, having met the stringent qualifying standards.



STEVE SAKACH

## Let's build on-campus baseball stadium

If you build it, they will come. There it is again, that strange whispering voice. Didn't you hear it? It's been happening a lot lately.

Credit the Missouri Southern baseball team with that. They've been nothing but unbeatable. 38-9 overall, 12-0 in the MIAA. The Lions have won 38 of their last 42 games.

This was to have been one of those we-have-a-great-team-so-why-doesn't-it-get-the-fan-turn-out-it-deserves-columns, but I confess that would be hypocritical. I haven't been to a game this year, or ever.

But don't hide the kids and lock the doors on me. I'm still an avid fan, mind you. I follow the team in the papers, I hear from the grapevine about who beamed who and why in last week's action. I'm not alone in my admiration from afar.

A lot of people have been saying that fan support just doesn't seem to be what it should, especially for the nation's third-ranked NCAA Division II team.

These same people also are saying they've heard that whispering voice as well. It's not a problem of getting the people to the game, but getting the game to the people.

There are more closet Southern baseball fans out there than you think. These people, myself included, just can't pull themselves away to drive to Joe Becker Stadium at Third and High.

If you build it, they will come.

There it is again. Maybe a few more people heard it that time.

Imagine the crowds of fans that would be enticed down to a Southern baseball game if we had a stadium on campus again. (There actually was a crude stadium here in the 1970s, but it no longer exists.)

It's hard to picture, but consider this: you're a student walking across campus with thoughts of biology, accounting, or management information systems. The sounds of aluminum on baseball, the smack of leather, and cheering as the Lions double up an opponent snap you out of the monotony of college this time of the year.

Brilliant reasoning starts to lure you to the stadium. "The library is open till 11 p.m." or "History class isn't going to talk about anything new. I can skip out today."

Not that I'm condoning this action, but an occasional release does a lot of good.

Faculty and administration also will find a reason or two to make their way to the field, as they do for soccer games. Fans will come out of the woodwork in single-file lines, and they won't really know why. People will pack the bleachers, line the fences, and watch from a hillside.

If you build it, they will come.

Now that one was pretty loud. You had to hear it, right?

OK, some are probably saying "How can we afford to build a stadium when higher education pocketbooks are thin?" And seeing how athletics are always the last in line to get any remaining spare change, it may not be feasible in the near future. But how much could it possibly cost? Two CAB picnics and a guest lecturer?

Hell, we don't even need money. We're raising a communications/social science building from the dust.

All right, Joe Becker Stadium is relatively cheap to maintain, there are no major bills to pay for using it, and it's also associated with a lot of history. But it's not exactly Southern baseball quality, and the demand is growing for an on-campus baseball facility. It might be time to give it some serious consideration.

If you build it, they will come. Tell me you heard it that time.



# JOPLIN INDUSTRY



## City has its share of economic turns

BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

One company official calls it the "ideal place to live." Another calls its workforce highly skilled and ready to learn. Someone else says its potential is limitless.

Joplin. Billed as the crossroads of America, its location and setting on the intersection of two major traffic arteries—Interstate 44 and U.S. 71—promote travel and access to almost every major midwestern city. That's what brought the trucking industry to the area, but the city and its surrounding area have lured other businesses—foreign-owned and domestic—to town, as several major manufacturers have set up shop in an area not known for its size or international impact.

The two highways, I-44 and U.S. 71, connect Joplin with larger cities in the four major points of the compass. U.S. 71 connects north to Kansas City and south to Fort Smith, Ark. I-44 winds its way to Springfield and St. Louis to the east and Tulsa and Oklahoma City to the west. The accessibility to easy traffic was the main reason why companies like Contract Freighters Inc. (CFI) and Able Body Inc., both in the trucking industry, decided to call Joplin home.

"Joplin is centrally located in the country, and that makes it good for business," said Herb Schmidt, vice president of administration for CFI. "It's pretty basic. Missouri is a good place to do business. Everything about this area is reasonable."

CFI, founded in 1951, has never wavered its place in Joplin's business

"We don't have the resources which are required to operate a successful international program. When you start something like that, you have to be in it for the long haul. You have to be experienced to play that game."

—Gary Tonjes, Chamber of Commerce president

Indeed, many of Joplin's larger businesses are of foreign origin. One of the city's larger industrial finds, FAG Bearings, located south of Joplin, is based in Schweinfurt, Germany. In addition to bearings, the company produces grindwheels, textile equipment, and hydraulic products. Until recently, Joplin was FAG's only American site, before it bought out a competitor and took over three of its sites in Connecticut. FAG first contacted the city about locating here in 1967, and has since become one of the area's largest industrial employers.

"It's the area and the people that brought the company here," said Larry Downey, manager of personnel and administration for FAG. "The central location, transportation opportunities, and other factors were very impressive to the company."

community. The company has a habit of feeding off the city for its employees, including those in upper management.

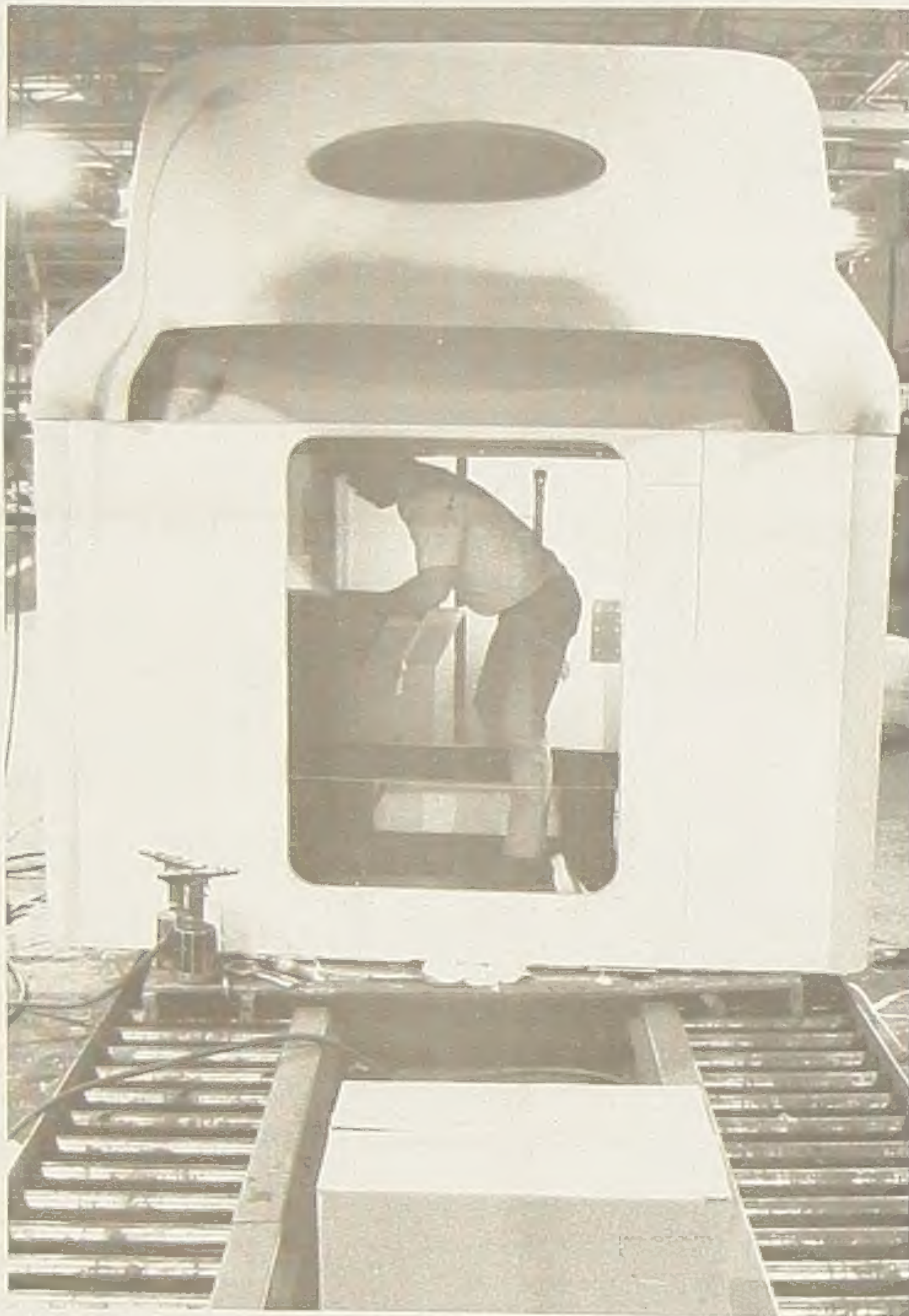
Schmidt, a 1978 political science graduate of Missouri Southern, estimates that CFI provides from 800 to 900 employees for Joplin's workforce.

CFI has eight other sites, including locations in Memphis, El Paso, and Detroit. Its headquarters are in Joplin, which Schmidt chalks up to the people of the area.

"It's the availability of good labor and good people that attracts business," he said.

But Schmidt's rosy picture of Joplin's ability to attract new businesses has been clouded recently by closings and significant layoffs.

Three industry names major to Joplin's economy—Vickers, Georgia Pacific, and Pillsbury—have fallen victim to corporate restructuring



and/or economic downturns.

Unfortunately, there are some market forces at work which are beyond our control," said Gary Tonjes, president of the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce, which works

year-round promoting the Joplin community and its benefits to businesses, big and small.

However, Vickers, Georgia Pacific, and Pillsbury felt the pinch. Vickers, producers of hydraulic

pumps and a industrial stalwart in Joplin for nearly 30 years, closed its plant in 1985. A series of ownership changes and its production of outdated materials left the company no choice but to close.

Georgia-Pacific closed in 1990 after restructuring as well as less than two years ago. Pillsbury, despite operating a Joplin plant recognized repeatedly as being one of the best within the company, closed its doors. The plant was to come back, however, when it opened last year, boasting a new line of Pillsbury products. Company officials say operations have been successful so far.

"The Pillsbury situation was a comeback story," Tonjes said. "It's clear that the plant's closing was nothing personal against the community and there were no bad feelings. But now they're back up and doing great."

But what about Joplin's international record? With FAG based in Germany; Pillsbury, based in Britain; and Plastic Fabricators, also based in Great Britain, seems to have a decent track record in the international scene.

Missouri Southern, which adopted an international theme for its graduation statement almost a year ago, is supplying these companies with employees.

At FAG, administrative employees are encouraged to speak German. Many trips are made to the base to make presentations.

"Sometimes we have to go to Germany and share investment plans or to explain our manufacturing process," said FAG's Downey. "You have to know German."

Tonjes said attracting international business is not a top priority for the Chamber, citing cost as a primary reason.

"We don't have the resources which are required to operate a successful international program," Tonjes said. "When you start something like that, you have to be in it for the long haul. You have to be experienced to play that game."

Getting domestic business to come to Joplin is no simple feat itself, according to Tonjes.

"The numbers nationally are 10,000 cities are pursuing 100,000 companies each year," he said. "We're just competing with Springfield. We're competing with Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, etc."

Photos  
by  
Chris Cox



(Top left) FAG Bearings came to Joplin in 1967. (Top right, center) Workers put together a cab for a truck at the Able Body Inc. plant. (Bottom left) Fleming Foods, along with Pillsbury, is one of the large food plants located in Joplin. (Bottom right) Contract Freighters Inc., a staple of Joplin industry since 1951, provides from 800 to 900 jobs.